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Proceedings 1938

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Particular attention is called to the Approved Rulings and Notices of Motion contained in this copy.

The Thirty-third Annual Communication of Grand Lodge will be held in the City of Regina, on Wednesday, the Twenty-first day of June, nineteen hundred and thirty-nine.

Proceedings of the
**M. W. Grand Lodge of
Saskatchewan**
Ancient, Free & Accepted Masons
AT THE
THIRTY-SECOND
ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

HELD AT
Prince Albert on the 15th Day of June, 1938



ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED

STEWART COULTER BURTON

Grand Master 1938-39

The subject of this sketch is the thirty-second Grand Master of Masons of Saskatchewan. He is one of Canada's native sons born at Lindsay, Ontario, on June 8th, 1877, of Canadian born parents descended from English and Irish stock.

Four years afterward the Burtons moved to Midland, Ontario, where the future Grand Master attended Public School, later returning to Lindsay to enter the Collegiate Institute. May, 1892, found the family in residence at Rat Portage, Ontario, where "Stewart", as he is familiarly known, was employed for twelve years by the C.P.R. from lesser situations to that of freight agent, a position he resigned in 1904 in order to join Cameron & Heap, Limited, wholesale grocers. Promotion soon followed; as soon as 1907 he was made Secretary-Treasurer of his Company and first Manager of its Regina Branch. Successful service in this capacity prevailed until 1929 when the business was sold to the Western Grocers, Limited, with which firm he continued as Regina Branch Manager for two years. Furthermore, he was at one time a director of the Saskatchewan Mortgage Company, Vice-President of the Dominion Wholesale Grocers' Association, President of the Prairie Provinces Wholesale Grocers' Association, Chairman of the Saskatchewan Grocers' Guild and President of the Saskatchewan Branch of the Canadian Credit Men's Association. His long experience and competency attracted an offer in 1931 of the important post of Receiver and General Manager of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Creameries, Limited, an office he then accepted and still occupies.

Ever a useful member of society, he has filled, with credit to himself, many public positions of honour and responsibility in his home city of Regina of which the following deserve special note: President of the Board of Trade of which he is now an active member; President of the General Hospital Board; a member of the original Public Library Board; at present a member of twenty years' standing of the Exhibition Board; Alderman from 1919 to 1922 when he was elected Mayor serving for the 1923 and 1924 terms. This enviable record coupled with his recognized ability and sturdy character has made him one of the first citizens of his community.

As a loyal member of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Regina, by religious faith he is broad and deep.

His marriage to Miss Helen Pope of Regina, Saskatchewan, was solemnized in 1909. Two sons, Alexander and Richard, complete the family circle.

Our Grand Master's Masonic Career is interesting and outstanding. Briefly it follows:

A. F. & A. M.:

Initiated in Lake of the Woods Lodge No. 445, located at Kenora, Ontario, in 1906. Affiliated with Assiniboia Lodge No. 49, Regina, on April 21st, 1911. A Charter Member of Emulation Lodge No. 186, Regina, serving as its W.M. in 1928. A member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan continuously since 1928, rendering valuable service as Chairman of the Committee on Printing and Supplies in 1929 and 1930 and Chairman of the Finance Committee from 1930 to the present year. Elected Grand Junior Warden of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in 1935 and after serving as Grand Senior Warden and Deputy Grand Master, elevated to the Grand Mastership in which office he was installed on June 16th, 1938.

A.A.O.N.M.S.:

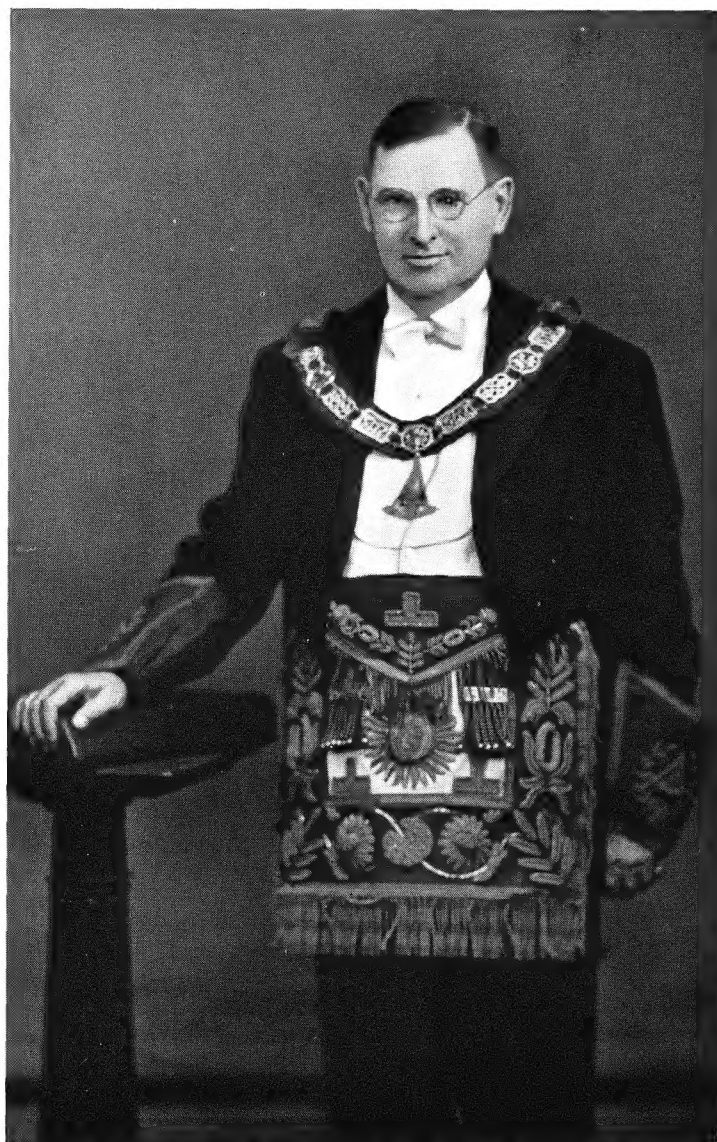
Served as Illustrious Potentate of Wa Wa Temple in 1922.

A. & A.S.R. of Freemasonry:

Joined Regina Lodge of Perfection in 1914 and became its T.P.G.M. in 1918, later admitted to Regina Chapter Rose Croix 18°. A Charter Member of Saskatchewan Consistory 32° and its second Commander-in-Chief. An Honourary Member of each of these bodies. Elected an Honourary Member of the Supreme Council 33° for the Dominion of Canada in October, 1925, and presently commissioned to serve as Acting Deputy for Saskatchewan, Crowned an Active Member of the Supreme Council 33° in 1928 and appointed Deputy for Saskatchewan, which exalted station he now graces.

M.W. Bro. Burton impresses one by his unassuming and affable demeanor, by his notable performance of duty without ostentation, by his fidelity and devotion to Freemasonry and by his daily exemplification of its teachings as a citizen without reproach. These characteristics have earned for him the love of his Brethren and the respect and esteem of innumerable friends and admirers not only in the community in which he resides but as well throughout the entire Province of Saskatchewan. Endowed with executive ability of a high order, blessed with sound judgment and equipped with long practical experience, he is well fitted to undertake the duties and responsibilities of his new office. With his unquestioned integrity, earnestness, and sincerity of purpose, the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan has a reliable pilot at the helm for the coming year. His term as Grand Master will demonstrate to the Craft at large what his friends already know, that underneath his quiet exterior and unobtrusive personality there glows the spirit of a real man and a real Mason.

—J. O. C.



M.W. BRO. STEWART COULTER BURTON

GRAND MASTER 1938-39

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan A.F. & A.M.

PROCEEDINGS: ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

The Thirty-second Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M., convened in the Orpheum Theatre, in the City of Prince Albert, at 9.00 a.m., on Wednesday, June 15th, 1938.
Present:

THE GRAND MASTER

M.W. Bro. Mark Musk, on the Throne

THE DEPUTY GRAND MASTER

R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton

PAST GRAND MASTERS

M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate, J. McCauley, R. Young, N. B. Williams, W. J. Smith, W. M. Martin, J. K. Irwin, J. Orville Clarke, C. P. Moore, J. McGregor, F. B. Reilly, N. R. Craig, J. R. Yorke, J. W. Estey.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS

R.W. Bros. J. T. Tomlinson (1), W. H. Gibson (4), J. R. Young (5), C. E. Wight (6), Jas. Thomson (7), J. K. Pomeroy (8), W. R. Clark (9), H. M. P. DeRoche (10), H. M. Earle (13), J. E. Parkinson (15), J. V. Greer (17).

Grand Senior Warden	H. M. Underhill (110)
Grand Junior Warden	A. O. Brooks (77)
Grand Treasurer	A. C. Garner (154)
Grand Secretary	W. B. Tate (6)
Grand Senior Deacon	W. A. Ivers (196)
Grand Junior Deacon	C. A. Johnson (200)
Grand Director of Ceremonies	G. T. E. Tomsett (186)
Grand Pursuivant	W. Lewis (21)
Grand Tyler	D. MacGregor (104)

GRAND STEWARDS:—J. H. Moore (44), L. Culham (119), H. T. Kelly (143), W. A. MacFarlane (133).

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

Alabama—F. T. Fraser
Arizona—S. C. Burton
British Columbia—Robt. A. Tate
Colorado—A. G. Rawlinson
England—J. McCauley
Florida—J. R. Young
France—J. W. Estey
Illinois—C. P. Seeley
Iowa—N. B. Williams

Ireland—W. B. Tate
Kansas—W. M. Martin
Lessing Three Rings—D. Fraser
Michigan—C. P. Moore
Missouri—J. Orville Clarke
Montana—W. J. Smith
Nebraska—M. Musk
New Mexico—T. H. Pendlebury
New Zealand—F. B. Reilly

North Carolina—A. M. Bell
 North Dakota—J. R. Yorke
 Nova Scotia—N. R. Craig
 Ohio—A. C. Garner
 Oregon—J. K. Irwin
 Porto Rico—H. M. Underhill
 Rio de Janeiro—J. E. Rodney
 Scotland—R. Young

South Carolina—J. C. Carter
 Tennessee—J. McGregor
 Vermont—J. N. Smith
 Washington—A. O. Brooks
 West Australia—E. C. Bird
 West Virginia—F. B. O'Neil
 Wisconsin—F. M. Hodson

REPRESENTATIVES CONSTITUENT LODGES AND
 PAST MASTERS

- No. 1—Kinistino, Prince Albert; J. M. McMillan, J. N. Smith, A. W. Pechey, A. L. Agnew, L. R. Whitmore, J. T. Tomlinson, A. Watling, W. E. Bristowe, G. W. Pickering, G. B. Howard, L. P. Fordham, R. J. Jones, W. B. Crawford, R. Young, C. S. Carter.
- No. 2—Wascana, Regina; C. W. Walker, T. G. Thomson, F. B. Reilly, W. M. Martin.
- No. 3—Moose Jaw, Moose Jaw; J. McCauley, T. Whitehead, H. H. Bamford, A. L. McIntosh, T. H. Pendlebury, L. C. Boyle, K. R. McKenzie, G. A. Stirk.
- No. 4—Qu'Appelle Valley, Fort Qu'Appelle; J. W. Farnell.
- No. 5—Indian Head, Indian Head; W. H. Gibson.
- No. 6—Qu'Appelle, Qu'Appelle; W. B. Tate, A. G. Rawlinson.
- No. 9—Maple Leaf, Maple Creek; O. Vadakin.
- No. 10—Evening Star, Grenfell; J. W. Claxton, E. E. Tomlinson, L. Niblock.
- No. 11—N.W.M.P., Regina; Robt. A. Tate, R. P. Fogarty.
- No. 12—Yorkton, Yorkton; T. E. Cavanagh, P. B. Coleman.
- No. 13—Duck Lake, Duck Lake; F. Anderson, J. Goodson, H. F. Anderson.
- No. 14—Sintaluta, Sintaluta; E. E. Mitchell.
- No. 16—Saskatchewan, Saskatoon; J. W. Estey, H. G. H. Gilding, G. G. Donnell, D. M. Brown, R. Bell, W. H. Moor, A. W. Heise, E. H. Capindale.
- No. 18—Melfort, Melfort; H. V. Goldfinch, L. Humeston, W. C. Woods, D. McLaughlin, J. R. Conyers, Jas. Gibb, W. E. Hornby, R. Hastie.
- No. 19—Battle, Battleford; W. L. Clink, B. B. Bridges, H. S. May.
- No. 20—Weyburn, Weyburn; C. P. Moore, G. Lythgoe.
- No. 21—Arcola, Arcola; W. Lewis.
- No. 22—Rosthern, Rosthern; F. M. Hodson, E. St. G. Hodson, F. V. Hutton, W. Stuart.
- No. 24—Wolseley, Wolseley; W. Rigney.
- No. 26—Swift Current, Swift Current; W. H. Field, W. A. McPhail, F. C. Hayes.
- No. 28—Hanley, Hanley, G. Gregg.
- No. 30—New Hope, Stoughton; G. S. Raney, A. Burdett.
- No. 31—Ionic, North Battleford; H. R. Wilford.
- No. 33—Davidson, Davidson; M. Herman, J. VanHaerlem.
- No. 34—Lang, Lang; J. J. Howard, C. E. Wight, F. M. Perkins.
- No. 35—Prince Rupert, Humboldt; P. Spurgeon.
- No. 37—Wapella, Wapella; F. E. McAlpin.
- No. 40—Rouleau, Rouleau; J. W. Archibald.

- No. 41—Drinkwater, Drinkwater; K. Glenn, J. S. Hilts, W. O. B. Lampman, E. M. Carey, C. J. Strayer, W. J. Fleming, R. J. S. Gilroy.
- No. 43—Ishpaming, Langham; J. G. Stockham, E. S. Humphreys, F. B. O'Neil.
- No. 44—Landmark, Lashburn; W. W. Morrison, J. H. Moore, F. B. Milne, W. T. McMurdo, R. C. Wilson.
- No. 49—Assiniboia, Regina; J. K. Irwin, F. A. Williamson, Douglas Fraser, T. L. Elliott.
- No. 52—Border, Gainsborough; J. K. Pomeroy.
- No. 59—Canora, Canora; D. L. Rowntree.
- No. 60—Imperial, Saskatoon; J. McGregor, C. P. Seeley, J. F. Marlow, J. E. Cowie, G. E. Dragan.
- No. 62—Melville, Melville; H. W. Freid, H. M. P. DeRoche.
- No. 63—Prince Albert, Prince Albert; F. Lesley, J. L. Connell, M. Musk, R. W. Kirkby, C. E. Musk, H. E. Cooke, S. L. Small, T. W. McEwen, S. J. A. Branion, E. J. Rose, D. B. Fairweather, G. S. Dean, W. H. Speers, T. F. Pickering, W. A. Cooper, D. J. Rose.
- No. 64—Manitou, Watrous; F. B. Morfitt, T. R. Strachan, P. R. Albright, J. W. Robinson, V. R. Code.
- No. 65—Outlook, Outlook; J. C. Carter.
- No. 66—Wynyard, Wynyard; G. R. Miller, J. A. Blakely.
- No. 68—Govan, Govan; A. W. Gunn, J. O. Clarke, H. S. Neeley, E. Lekness.
- No. 69—Carrot River, Kinistino; J. G. Ellis, F. Arn, G. Forde, R. J. M. Humphrey, J. R. Graham, W. H. Hicks, A. Craig.
- No. 70—Cypress, Gull Lake; J. F. Taylor, C. F. Colburn, P. H. Thomson.
- No. 71—Doric, Moose Jaw; N. R. Craig, J. Newton, P. J. H. Warren.
- No. 73—Unity, Unity; J. Anderson.
- No. 74—Kilwinning, Adanac; A. M. Bell.
- No. 76—Tisdale, Tisdale; A. M. Fritshaw, C. E. Leslie, J. E. Mollard, L. F. Howitt, F. T. Fraser.
- No. 77—Abernethy, Abernethy; N. B. Williams, A. O. Brooks.
- No. 79—Foam Lake, Foam Lake; R. H. Chant, A. T. Hart.
- No. 80—Connaught, Windthorst; W. R. Clark.
- No. 82—Victoria, Alsask; W. S. Myers.
- No. 84—Lanigan, Lanigan; C. Stackhouse.
- No. 89—Twin City, Sutherland; R. Horspool, G. Addison.
- No. 90—Kerrobert, Kerrobert; J. E. Rodney, F. R. Smith.
- No. 91—Rosetown, Rosetown; W. Richardson.
- No. 92—Lodge Progress, Saskatoon; A. Turnbull, A. Milne, J. Mackie.
- No. 94—Maryfield, Maryfield; C. S. Hewitt.
- No. 96—Yellow Grass, Yellow Grass; J. W. Peacock, D. L. Hart, J. A. Johnstone, R. H. McLaughlin, H. J. Wilken.
- No. 98—Union, Kelliher; D. Alcott.
- No. 102—Invermay, Invermay; J. E. Parkinson.
- No. 104—King Hiram, Regina; W. L. Moyer.
- No. 105—Gothic, Luseland; F. E. Jaenicke, H. Whittaker, F. Passmore.
- No. 106—St. John's, Assiniboia; G. H. Glover.
- No. 110—Shaunavon, Shaunavon; H. M. Underhill, W. J. Smith, D. J. Nicholson, A. Dunbar, J. Cardno, H. R. Robinson, R. M. Sanburn.
- No. 113—Broderick, Glenside; D. McMurchy, R. Reid.
- No. 114—Central Butte, Central Butte; R. S. Hemsworth.

- No. 119—Cabri, Cabri; L. Culham, D. H. Joss, J. Stewart, J. S. Backus, R. H. Ruthven.
 No. 125—Latomia, Weyburn; O. S. Black, A. J. Ring, J. D. MacKay.
 No. 127—Birch Hills, Birch Hills; W. R. A. Orton, W. L. Tice, B. R. Lewis, W. J. Johnston, C. A. Warder, H. G. Edgington, N. B. Dahl, A. B. Graham.
 No. 128—Meyronne, Meyronne; A. M. McCaslin.
 No. 133—Philathea, Nokomis; W. A. MacFarlane, H. E. Smith, J. Y. Clark.
 No. 134—Eston, Eston; E. H. Scarlett, T. E. Greer.
 No. 136—St. George, Moose Jaw; J. R. Yorke, M. R. Ballard, E. Cameron, R. Rohead, T. H. Sendall.
 No. 137—Tyrian, Edam; J. Thomson.
 No. 138—Kincaid, Kincaid; W. A. Harper, W. Simington, C. Frostad.
 No. 140—Sceptre, Sceptre; J. W. Spurr, H. M. Gracie, G. Baird.
 No. 141—Progressive, Tompkins; I. Richardson.
 No. 142—Leader, Leader; J. L. Gaffield, R. Loudon, H. A. Dowler.
 No. 143—Hawarden, Hawarden; H. T. Kelly, C. R. Asay.
 No. 144—Victory, Saskatoon; H. D. Elliott, J. T. Truscott, J. R. Young, T. Guest, A. Greaves, A. C. McNeill, C. J. Johannes.
 No. 145—Elfros, Elfros; J. Barber.
 No. 146—Asquith, Asquith; H. J. Baldwin.
 No. 147—Elstow, Elstow; J. M. Elliott, W. A. Piper, W. C. Crawford.
 No. 152—Star City, Star City; L. J. Stead, M. S. Mooney.
 No. 154—Banner, Regina; A. C. Garner, J. A. MacKenzie, C. Mead.
 No. 157—York, Churchbridge; W. M. Hepton.
 No. 158—Borden, Borden; H. S. Foster, N. S. Smith.
 No. 165—St. Luke's, Plenty; H. M. Earle, J. MacPhee.
 No. 166—Wakaw, Wakaw; P. J. Smith, W. L. Porter.
 No. 168—Earl Grey, Earl Grey; A. Binnie, J. A. MacDonald.
 No. 171—Shellbrook, Shellbrook; W. R. McLaren, F. Bradshaw, R. McIntosh, H. A. Wodlinger, C. H. Small, L. S. Jack, A. F. Agnew.
 No. 172—Memorial, Moose Jaw; W. H. Mayhew.
 No. 174—St. Andrews, Regina; E. C. Bird.
 No. 182—Lonach, Marsden; J. B. Parnell, G. Rutherford, W. J. McKeen, T. R. Hubbard, A. T. McAuslan.
 No. 183—Nipawin, Nipawin; W. Connell, A. D. Brown, J. F. Green.
 No. 185—Loyalty, Ruddell; E. A. Beau.
 No. 186—Emulation, Regina; S. C. Burton, G. T. E. Tomsett, A. P. McLean.
 No. 187—Lucky Lake, Lucky Lake; A. C. Coulter, H. C. Grose.
 No. 188—Glenedyth, Climax; A. H. Stevens.
 No. 189—Herschel, Herschel; W. McKenzie, O. J. Turl.
 No. 190—Turtleford, Turtleford; A. H. Clark.
 No. 192—Sovereign, Sovereign; J. V. Greer, R. Pierson, J. E. Burt, W. Leith, R. W. Thornton.
 No. 196—Lacadena, Lacadena; A. W. Edgar, W. A. Ivers, F. H. Helme.
 No. 198—Colfax, Colfax; W. Innes, L. E. Smith, P. R. Crain, R. D. Crain.
 No. 199—Admiral, Admiral; A. C. Running.
 No. 200—Hudson Bay, Hudson Bay Junction; C. A. Johnson.

WELCOME

His Worship the Mayor of the City of Prince Albert and Worshipful Bro. Charles E. Musk, representing the Prince Albert City

Lodges, in brief but very fitting addresses, extended a most cordial welcome to the Officers and members of Grand Lodge.

Right Worshipful Bro. H. M. Underhill, Grand Senior Warden, briefly acknowledged the welcome of His Worship the Mayor and Right Worshipful Bro. A. O. Brooks, Grand Junior Warden, expressed appreciation for the welcome extended on behalf of the Prince Albert City Lodges.

OPENING OF GRAND LODGE

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented by their accredited representatives, Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form and the Acting Grand Chaplain implored the blessing of the G.A.O.T.U. upon its deliberations.

The Grand Master gave permission for all Master Masons in good standing, properly vouched for, to be admitted as visitors.

On motion of M.W. Bros. R. Young and W. J. Smith it was resolved that: "The minutes of the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in the City of Moose Jaw on June 16th and 17th, 1937, as printed in the Proceedings and distributed, be taken as read and confirmed."

On motion of R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner and V.W. Bro. G. T. E. Tomsett, it was resolved that: "Printed copies of the regulations for the government of Grand Lodge being in the hands of all representatives, they be taken as read and adopted."

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

M.W. Bro. R. Hawkins, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, accompanied by R.W. Bro. J. Gardner, P.D.D.G.M., was presented to Grand Lodge by M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey.

The Grand Master cordially welcomed our distinguished guests, after which Grand Honours were accorded.

RECEPTION—GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The M.W. the Grand Master requested the Grand Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan to assemble at the Altar where they were welcomed by the Grand Master, who stressed the importance of the Office of Grand Representative and requested them to extend to the various Jurisdictions which they represented the kindest greetings and felicitations of this Grand Body. Our Grand Master pointed out that it had come to his attention that this duty was on occasion overlooked and urged representatives to maintain intimate contact by correspondence with the respective Grand Lodges which they had the honour to represent.

M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, on behalf of the Grand Representatives present, acknowledged the cordial welcome and in doing so emphasized the necessity of each representative keeping in touch with the Grand Lodge which he represented.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS

The M.W. the Grand Master delivered the following address, which, on motion of R.W. Bros. H. M. P. DeRoche and Jas. Thomson, was referred to the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence:

Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan:—

Again we assemble for the purpose of conducting the business of this Grand Jurisdiction. We look forward with keen anticipation to our Annual Communication. Here we are enabled to appreciate fully the great educational and social value of our beloved and democratic Order.

I extend to you a hearty welcome to the historic City of Prince Albert for this our Thirty-second Grand Lodge Communication. I sincerely trust that our deliberations may be inspiring and helpful, and, that at the conclusion of our labours, we may return to our homes satisfied that our time has been profitably and pleasantly spent; that our meeting with our Brother Masons has been a happy and inspiring experience; and that we have succeeded in our earnest endeavour to make some worth while contribution to Freemasonry.

District Meetings

I attended the seventeen District Meetings throughout our Jurisdiction. I commenced my tour of District Meetings with a certain degree of apprehension and pessimism, but my forebodings were soon dispelled. What an inspiration to witness the Masonic interest and enthusiasm which prevails! I could not but thrill with pride in the splendid spirit everywhere existing in our Lodges, particularly in those in the worst drought stricken areas. The large and representative attendance and the very evident desire for Masonic information and enlightenment could not but impress me with the fact that Masonry is a real, vital force in the lives of our members, very forcibly exemplifying that Masonic truism that, "adversity but binds us more closely together."

The papers delivered at the District Meetings on the "Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership" were invariably of a very high order and gave to those who were privileged to hear them a deeper insight into the implications which membership in our Institution involves.

I would here acknowledge with sincere thanks the many kindnesses extended to the Grand Secretary and myself during our somewhat arduous tour, the facilities provided for our conveyance and the hospitality at the homes that were opened to us. All were very deeply appreciated. I shall ever cherish the memory of my tour of the District Meetings. The contacts made and the friendships formed will always remain a bright spot in my Masonic experiences.

I was pleased with the personnel of our D.D.G.M.'s and the very efficient manner in which each conducted his District Meeting; but, to ensure the greatest efficiency in this very important office, I think we should be broader in the selection of D.D.G.M. choosing the best available Brother without regard to the Lodge which he represents. I am also in accord with the view, expressed by some of my predecessors, that the selection of D.D.G.M. should be by nomination.

The Grand Secretary accompanied me to thirteen of our District Meetings. He has been praised so frequently and deservedly for his many sterling qualities and Masonic zeal that I feel it is quite superfluous for me to make any eulogistic reference at this time. My observations and contacts revealed the reason for his being so much loved and revered.

Our Assistant Grand Secretary accompanied me to four of our District Meetings. I was pleased and impressed with the efficient

manner in which he fulfilled the important duties assigned to him. It clearly indicates that he has had the benefit of skillful tuition and may be fairly regarded as a real "chip off the old block."

Dedication of Temple

With the assistance of the Grand Secretary I was pleased on July 12th, 1937, to dedicate the Temple at Viscount. The Brethren of Viscount Lodge are to be commended for their efforts, and I congratulate them on providing a Temple so well suited to their needs.

Rulings

I was requested for a ruling with respect to Section 148 of the Constitution, as to whether the residence of twelve months within the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge and six months within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge to which application for initiation was made meant the twelve and six months immediately prior to the date of application. The approved form of petition for initiation is indefinite on that point.

I ruled as follows: In reference to the residence qualifications referred to in Section 148 of the Constitution, the applicant must be a resident within the Grand Jurisdiction for a period of twelve months immediately preceding the application, and a resident within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he makes application for a period of six months immediately preceding said application.

During the year I was approached by two Lodges for permission to circularize the Lodges in the Jurisdiction in connection with a mercantile competition to further the sale of some product. These Lodges had some suitable and afflicted person whom they wished to assist. I replied, that while I was in sympathy with their object and commended them for their desire to be of service to the less fortunate still I considered, that the granting of this request would establish a very dangerous precedent and I must therefore refuse approval.

Grand Representatives

I nominated the following Brethren for appointment as Grand Representatives of Sister Grand Lodges near our Grand Lodge:

M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey as the representative of the National Grand Lodge of France near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan;

W. Bro. D. Fraser as the representative of the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan;

R.W. Bro. J. E. McLarty as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan;

V.W. Bro. T. H. Pendlebury as the representative of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan;

R.W. Bro. J. N. Smith as the representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

I have had the honour to approve of the following appointments:

R.W. Bro. O. L. Friedler as representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings;

R.W. Bro. C. Dickason as representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick;

W. Bro. M. D. Gibbs as representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of New Mexico;

R.W. Bro. Edgar E. Rosebraugh as representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of Oregon;

W. Bro. E. M. Westby as representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of South Dakota.

Our Honoured Dead

During the year we have received official notice of the passing of the following distinguished Brethren of Sister Grand Jurisdictions:

Alberta—R. Patterson, Past Grand Master.

Arizona—A. C. Taylor, Grand Orator.

Delaware—J. L. Cahall, Past Grand Master; H. I. Beers, Past Grand Master; T. B. Hearn, Past Grand Master.

United Grand Lodge of England—Sir P. Colville Smith, Grand Secretary.

Florida—J. S. B. Moyer, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary; F. W. DeLaney, Past Grand Master.

Illinois—A. H. Bell, Past Grand Master.

Indiana—T. J. Wilson, Past Grand Master.

Kansas—T. G. Fitch, Past Grand Master; E. C. Cole, Past Grand Master; G. H. Lamb, Past Grand Master; O. J. Wood, Past Grand Master; J. McCullagh, Past Grand Master.

Kentucky—G. A. Holland, Past Grand Master.

Maine—H. W. Loring, Past Junior Grand Warden.

Manitoba—L. S. Vaughan, Past Grand Master.

Maryland—G. W. Livingston, Past Grand Master.

Michigan—G. W. Graves, Past Grand Master.

Missouri—O. Mitchell, Past Grand Master.

Montana—M. Morris, Past Grand Master; H. S. Hepner, Past Grand Master; W. R. Calvin, Deputy Grand Master; R. V. Brown, Grand Marshal.

Oregon—O. P. Coshov, Past Grand Master.

New York—A. S. Tompkins, Past Grand Master.

Nova Scotia—C. R. Smith, Past Grand Master.

Tennessee—W. R. Holland, Past Grand Master; P. C. McCommon, Grand Tyler.

West Virginia—G. S. Laidley, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary; S. P. Richmond, Past Grand Master.

Wisconsin—C. C. Rogers, Past Grand Master; E. A. Upham, Past Senior Grand Warden.

It is with sincere regret we note that this list includes the name of R.W. Bro. Sir Philip Colville Smith, for twenty years Grand Secretary of the United Grand Lodge of England. We recognize in the practice of the Mother Grand Lodge of England the standard for all that is highest and best in Masonry, and we had come to associate with that ideal the name of Sir Colville Smith. True, a very small number of us had the privilege of coming into personal contact with him, but by reputation he was known throughout our Jurisdiction, and he was loved and honoured as one of Masonry's Great. Masonry, not only in the Old Land, but throughout the world, has been enriched by his untiring and devoted service.

The Committee on Necrology, in their report, will pay a farewell tribute to those of our own members who have passed to the Grand Lodge Above. I feel, however, that it is my duty to make special mention of the passing of Most Worshipful Bro. Lachlan Taylor McDonald who died on April 7th, 1938, at his home in Toronto. He was closely associated with our Grand Lodge in its formative years and occupied the Office of Most Worshipful Grand Master in 1914-15. He was an enthusiastic and untiring Craftsman and we shall ever be grateful for his inspiring leadership in the pioneer days of our Grand Lodge.

Special Committee—Life Membership

Pursuant to the expressed wishes of Grand Lodge at our last Annual Communication I appointed M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams, Chairman; M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, R.W. Bros. H. M. Underhill, J. T. Tomlinson and O. S. Black a special committee to investigate the practice of granting Commuted Life Memberships and the benefit from or danger in continuing this practice. This committee will submit its findings for your consideration.

Special Meetings

Owing to living some distance from the scene of much of our Masonic activity, I early concluded that because of economic conditions and the consequent necessity for financial retrenchment it would be advisable, in the majority of cases, to commission well qualified Brethren to represent me. This I did as follows:

At Melville on Thursday, October 7th, 1937, for the purpose of investing R.W. Bro. H. M. P. DeRoche as D.D.G.M. of District No. 10, I commissioned R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, G.J.W., to represent me.

At Crosby, North Dakota, on October 22nd, 1937, I commissioned R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, Deputy Grand Master, and V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, to represent me on the occasion of the International Meeting there convened. Unfortunately the Deputy Grand Master was prevented by sickness from attending, but R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner, Grand Treasurer, kindly consented to accompany our Assistant Grand Secretary.

At Reston, Manitoba, on October 7th, 1937, the occasion of the District Meeting of District No. 6, Manitoba, I commissioned R.W. Bro. J. K. Pomeroy, D.D.G.M. of District No. 8, to represent me.

At Woodrow on October 4th, 1937, where a Masonic Rally of the Brethren of District No. 14 was held, I commissioned R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill, G.S.W., to represent me.

Your Grand Master received full and encouraging reports from his representatives at these several meetings. I would like to quote from these reports, but will content myself with saying that I am satisfied my representatives added greatly to the interest and success of the occasions, and I sincerely thank them for their co-operation.

I personally attended a meeting of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16 at Saskatoon on March 8th, 1938, when there was unveiled a portrait of M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, my immediate predecessor in the Grand East. I was pleased to have with me on this occasion R.W. Bro. Burton, D.G.M., and V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, together with several other Grand Lodge Officers. The large attendance of members from Saskatoon and neighbouring Lodges paid a splendid and well deserved tribute to M.W. Bro. Estey.

At Moose Jaw, on March 15th, 1938, prior to his removal from that City, the Brethren held a banquet in honour of M.W. Bro. James McCauley. I was represented by R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, D.G.M. The tribute thus paid to M.W. Bro. McCauley was one which he richly deserved, having earned it by a record of almost forty years' untiring service in the interest of our beloved Craft. We join with our Moose Jaw Brethren in wishing him many years of continued usefulness, and happiness in his new surroundings.

It was necessary for your Grand Master to visit Victoria Lodge No. 82, Alsask, and to commission R.W. Bro. Burton and V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate to visit Arcola Lodge No. 21 at Arcola, and V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate to visit Avonlea Lodge No. 156 at Avonlea, in order to assist these Lodges in matters of difficulty which had arisen. I am pleased to report that the differences have been amicably adjusted and harmony prevails.

It was my pleasure and privilege to attend the 63rd Annual Communication of the Mother Grand Lodge of Manitoba, which convened at the Fort Garry Hotel, Winnipeg, on June 8th. It was a most successful and enjoyable session, the most important item of business being the consideration, by Grand Lodge, of the revision of their Constitution, the culmination of two years of work and study.

Most inspiring was the presence of Grand Lodge Officers from Minnesota and North and South Dakota. Their messages of friendship and goodwill, and their expressed sentiments of international brotherhood prompted the thought that a united Freemasonry could do much to improve the social and economic welfare of the human family.

I appreciate very much the kindness and consideration tendered your Grand Master on this occasion.

We are delighted to have with us at this Communication the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, and I sincerely hope his stay with us will be pleasant and profitable.

Urban and Rural Lodges

As your Grand Master the welfare of our Masonic family has been constantly in my thoughts. After my tour of the seventeen District Meetings, it occurred to me that our large Urban Lodges, while having problems of their own, nevertheless, had distinct advantages not enjoyed by our smaller Rural Lodges. Masonry has a great mission to perform. Masonic enthusiasm and inspiration must radiate from largely attended, worth while Lodge meetings. I felt, therefore, that within our own family we might help each other—the stronger helping the weaker. I accordingly suggested to the Urban Lodges, that each Lodge take an especial interest in one Rural Lodge; that immediate contact be made by correspondence, and that an interchange of visits be arranged, primarily with the object of the Urban Lodge assisting the Rural Lodge in the solution of its problems. I am pleased to note that inter-lodge visitations are quite general in our Jurisdiction, but what I am most anxious to impress on our Urban Lodges is the great benefit that will accrue from their visiting those Lodges that are most in need of inspiration and help. I am proud to be in a position to report to Grand Lodge that my proposal met with the immediate and enthusiastic support of our Urban Lodges, and at the present time, with but one exception, all Urban Lodges are taking a "big brotherly interest" in an individual Rural Lodge. I sincerely hope and believe that

worth while results will accrue from this activity. The development of this project has entailed considerable clerical work, and I wish to thank the Assistant Grand Secretary for his valuable advice and enthusiastic support.

Visits from Grand Secretary's Office

There are times when a visit from a well skilled Brother would be of inestimable benefit to a Rural Lodge and a profit to the Craft, and I am inclined to endorse the opinion expressed by my immediate predecessor in this regard, that such visits should be arranged through the Grand Secretary's office after approval by the Grand Master.

Masonic Education

I sincerely appreciate the valuable work accomplished by the Educational Committee of Grand Lodge and under the able chairmanship of W. Bro. Douglas Fraser. The studies furnished to the Lodges during the year have evidently met with approval judging from the many Lodges which, according to their notices, have taken full advantage of this outstanding branch of our Masonic activities. I sincerely hope the good work of this committee will continue unabated, and that the material provided will always be of such character that it may be readily understood and appreciated by the rank and file of our members. Thus, "profit and pleasure will be the result".

Alberta Brotherhood

Brethren, I cannot close this address without some reference to the practical application of the teaching of the N.E. Angle as displayed by our Brethren in the Sister Jurisdiction of Alberta. During the year they have assisted in shipping several cars of produce into the drought-stricken areas of our province and have in addition expressed to thirteen of our most needy Lodges, parcels of women's and children's apparel, at a cost, to them, in excess of \$400.00. I know you would wish me to express your sincere thanks and gratitude, as well as my own, to the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, our own Grand Representative and the many contributing Brethren of Alberta for this deeply appreciated Masonic service. This practical demonstration of brotherly love and relief will long be remembered by us. Brethren of Alberta, we sincerely thank you.

Conclusion

Brethren, my term of office as your Grand Master is all but completed. I deeply appreciate the great honour you have conferred upon me. While fully realizing my limitations, nevertheless, I hope that during the year I have made some small contribution to Masonry. Realizing the great responsibility, and anticipating that many problems would arise for solution in consequence of economic conditions, I must confess I accepted this high office with certain misgivings. On looking back, however, I find there was no need of anxiety, for Masonry is a real living force in the lives of our members. Masonic interest and enthusiasm prevails throughout our Grand Jurisdiction and Masonry is exerting a great and uplifting influence in these times of stress and need.

At the time of writing material prospects in our province are brighter and more hopeful than they have been for some years. With returning prosperity Freemasonry will thrive. The value of our great Brotherhood and its contribution for good was never more

fully recognized than it is today. Therefore, Brethren, let us faithfully follow the teachings of Masonry in our everyday lives and actions, so that, when the time comes that each must lay aside his working tools it may truly be said of him—"he lived his Masonry, and his Brother Masons and the community are the better for his having dwelt among them."

For the many kindnesses and the whole-hearted co-operation I have received, especially from the Assistant Grand Secretary, I am truly thankful. I bespeak for my successor the same measure of consideration. Being Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan has been an inspiring and unforgettable experience.

Fraternally yours,

MARK MUSK,

Grand Master.

Greetings and Regrets

The following telegram was received from the Grand Lodge of Iowa: "The Grand Lodge of Iowa in Annual Communication Assembled extends a Fraternal handclasp to our International Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan; may their Fraternal bonds become increasingly strong and may wisdom, strength, and beauty dominate all your deliberations."

A telegram was read from the M.W. the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta expressing his regret at his inability to be present and extending best wishes for a successful Communication.

A telegram was read from M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson expressing regret at his inability to be present and intimating that next year was his Masonic Jubilee when he hoped to have the privilege of attending and associating with the Brethren in Annual Communication.

A telegram was read from R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson expressing regret at his inability to be present owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Wilson and conveying best wishes for a most successful Communication.

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, on behalf of M.W. Bro. T. W. Sutherland, now resident in Revelstoke, B.C., extended best wishes for a successful Communication of Grand Lodge.

A letter was read from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota extending fraternal greetings and best wishes for a successful Communication.

Letters were read from M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill and R.W. Bro. W. R. McConnell, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, expressing regrets at their inability to be present and conveying best wishes for a happy and progressive session of Grand Lodge.

Letters were read from R.W. Bro. E. Marriott, D.D.G.M. of District No. 3; R.W. Bro. W. J. MacKenzie, D.D.G.M. of District No. 11; and V.W. Bro. F. S. Scarrow, D.D.G.M. Elect of District No. 6, expressing regrets and conveying good wishes.

A letter was read from R.W. Bro. Geo. S. Burrows, Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of Quebec, expressing kindly fraternal greetings and good wishes.

Reports of District Deputy Grand Masters

On motion of R.W. Bros. J. R. Young (144) and J. E. Parkinson (102), it was resolved: "That advance copies of the following reports being printed and in the hands of the representatives of the Lodges, they be taken as read and referred to the Committee on Condition of Masonry."

DISTRICT No. 1

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 1.

I should first like to express my appreciation of the honour done me in my selection and appointment as the representative of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master for the Masonic year and my sincere thanks for the opportunity of serving the Order in the wider field of a Masonic District.

The District Meeting was held at Prince Albert on July 14th. The attendance was about average. The Grand Master in his person and in his address radiated a message of goodwill, in which respect he has contributed much to Masonry in the District. The Grand Secretary gave extensive and helpful instruction in his usual fine form. The Grand Chaplain gave an inspiring address. W. Bro. H. V. Goldfinch of Melfort Lodge No. 18 read an instructive paper. W. Bro. J. G. Ellis of Carrot River Lodge No. 69 was elected the next District Deputy Grand Master.

I made one official visit to each of the thirteen Lodges in the District. We were highly favoured at most of these meetings by the presence of the Grand Master. The District Secretary, V.W. Bro. W. E. Bristowe, also accompanied me. We were stimulated, too, at all meetings by the attendance of many visiting brethren. I believe that the plan of making these visits during the favourable weather of the fall and of having the itinerary of the District Deputy inserted on notices of meeting of all Lodges in the district promoted the increased attendance of visitors. At all visits the District Deputy was received with honours due the office. The commendable practice appears to be growing of making the occasion of the District Deputy's visit one of celebration, as an opportunity of expressing loyalty to the Grand Lodge and devotion to the high principles for which the Order stands.

To external appearances Masonry is in healthy condition in this area. Harmony prevails throughout the district. No contentious point was brought before me during my term of office. Masters of all Lodges show high seriousness towards their responsibilities. Officers generally evidence a commendable desire to be efficient in their duties. Attendance of members, while disappointing as usual, I believe is above that of the average year. Inter-Lodge visitation appears to be on the increase. All but two Lodges have had candidates during the year. While esoteric work is not always of highest standard, degrees are generally conferred with sincerity and dignity. Adherence to the ritual and conformity with approved practice are surprisingly uniform. The Brethren meet regularly around the festive board, but it would seem desirable that there be more careful planning for these occasions. While not all are functioning vigorously,

study groups are organized in eleven Lodges. All Lodges are in solvent financial condition. Records are kept accurately and neatly. The commendable practice appears to be growing of having a personal message from the Master or some suitable quotation inserted on each monthly notice. A comparative study of the statistical report will show that there has been progress during the year.

Commendable as are these features they are not the ultimate realities of Masonry. It may be that the dearth of candidates, the financial stringency of many Lodges, and other discouraging factors, are "blessings in disguise", forcing us to more serious consideration of the philosophy underlying Masonry and of its application in our daily lives with our fellows in the true spirit of brotherhood. These are the things that count most in the life of the individual Mason or Lodge and in Masonry's service to mankind. It is good to see the fellow-feeling that is shown deserving brethren who are delinquent with their dues and the sympathy and promptness with which calls for benevolence are met. I believe that the spirit of hearty fellowship is growing among the Brethren throughout the District, the spirit of being genuinely friendly and of promoting goodwill, of advancing "the chief point in Freemasonry, namely, to endeavour to be happy ourselves and to communicate that happiness to others."

Grand Lodge, then, may rest assured that Masonry is functioning satisfactorily and along right lines in this district. It has been an inspiring thing for your District Deputy to feel at first hand the glow of genuine Masonry in each Lodge, in some, of course, with more brightness than in others. Two or three Lodges are passing through difficult times, but the torch is kept burning by some high-souled brethren. I believe that every Lodge in the district is striving to hold the torch aloft appreciative of the high things in Masonry.

I am grateful to the officers and Brethren of the various Lodges in the District for the courteous, kind, and hearty reception given me at my visits. They have been delightful experiences for me. Whether or not I have accomplished anything for Masonry, the year has warmed and enriched my life with brotherly contacts I can never forget and my mind with a worthier vision of what Masonry means for mankind.

The District mourns the death of R.W. Bro. C. L. Riach, Past District Deputy Grand Master of District No. 1. Masonry has lost the services of a brilliant mind and a fine personality.

I beg to make the following suggestions as possible means of facilitating and rendering more serviceable the activities of the District Deputy Grand Master:

1. It would seem desirable that the District Deputy be supplied with stationery in keeping with his office;
2. The form of the Statistical Report appears to be in need of some revision. Instruction as to the proper filling in of some of the data might accompany the form;
3. More time and opportunity seem essential for the instruction of and discussion with District Deputy Grand Masters by senior Grand Lodge Officers before the District Deputies take up their duties;
4. One official visit to each Lodge seems to be quite inadequate for the District Deputy to carry out an effective programme, for his visit is not an inspection. The District Secretary might further assist him by examining the records of each Lodge. Installed Masters'

Associations might be a means through which the District Deputy could extend his services to his district.

Faternally submitted,

J. T. TOMLINSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 2

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 2.

The district is comprised of fourteen Lodges, seven of which are rural and seven in the City of Regina. Each Lodge has been visited at least once during the year.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Regina, on Wednesday, September 29th, the officers of Gray Lodge occupying the chairs. The attendance was not as large as had been expected, due possibly to both weather and economic conditions. V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate gave the instructions in the afternoon, and answered in a satisfactory manner the many questions raised by the Brethren.

At the conclusion of the afternoon session, the officers of the City Lodges extended an invitation to the Brethren from outside points to join them in the banquet room for a social hour, and to give an opportunity to become better acquainted with one another.

The evening session was opened promptly at 7.30 p.m. Selection of D.D.G.M. being the first order of business, R.W. Bros. Wilson, McIntosh and McArthur were appointed scrutineers. The first ballot showed the choice of the brethren to be W. Bro. W. O. Lampman, of Drinkwater Lodge. W. Bro. Lampman thanked the brethren for electing him, and promised to perform his duties to the very best of his ability. W. Bro. H. C. M. Brown, of Wascana Lodge No. 2, then gave an address on the subject "The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership." Brother Brown dealt with the subject in a most masterly fashion, emphasizing many points that were of extreme interest to the Brethren. M.W. Bro. Musk, the Grand Master, being called upon, intimated that he would not give the formal address that he had originally intended to deal with, but spoke informally on his trip to the Old Country, relating many incidents that were not only informative but of extreme interest to those present. The session was brought to a close with the unveiling of a picture by M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly, of the late R.W. Bro. J. C. Moore, who had done so much for Masonry throughout the Jurisdiction. W. Bro. E. G. Hingley, in a few well chosen words, accepted the picture on behalf of the Masonic Temple Company, Limited.

Inter-Lodge Visitation. The Travelling V.S.L. was again put into circulation and through the courtesy and co-operation of the officers of the Regina Lodges, it was arranged that at the time each Lodge from the country presented the V.S.L. to a City Lodge, the officers of the visiting Lodge conferred a degree upon a candidate. This seemed to instill additional interest into the visit, and it is hoped that some benefit has resulted therefrom.

Masonic Education and Research. Interest in the Grand Lodge Papers throughout the district has reached a very low point, only one Lodge consistently aiming to carry through the programme. If

a similar condition exists throughout the Jurisdiction, then I would suggest that the Committee on Education should arrange to meet the District Deputies at the forthcoming Communication of Grand Lodge, so that the matter could be discussed; or, as an alternative, that the subject of Masonic Education and Research be studied at the District Meetings this year, being placed on the agenda immediately after the election of D.D.G.M. has taken place.

Notwithstanding the unfavourable economic conditions prevailing, Masonry throughout the district is holding its own remarkably well. All seem hopeful that much better things are in store for us in the very near future.

Allow me, before closing, to again thank the Brethren for giving me this opportunity to learn more about Masonry, and to express my sincere appreciation, for the whole-hearted co-operation that has on every side been extended to me during my term of office.

Fraternally submitted,

J. UPRICHARD, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 3

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 3.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Moose Jaw, on Monday, September 27th, 1937. There are fifteen Lodges in the district, thirteen of which were represented.

M.W. Bro. M. Musk, Grand Master, accompanied by M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, P.G.M.; R.W. Bro. L. S. Sifton, Grand Registrar, and V.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, were introduced by W. Bro. J. H. Laird, and accorded Grand Honours.

The programme laid down by Grand Lodge was followed. V.W. Bro. Tate led the discussion and gave valuable instruction on Masonic etiquette with respect to visitors, reception of Grand Lodge Officers, Grand Honours, etc. He also discussed budgeting and suspensions, and offered many useful suggestions on Special Nights and on various ways of making Lodge meetings more interesting. All of which was well received and appreciated by the Brethren.

At the evening session W. Bro. H. H. Bamford, Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3, was elected D.D.G.M. for the next term. Bro. (Rev.) J. E. Jeary, Caron Lodge No. 42, gave a splendid address on "The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership." W. Bro. Ratcliffe gave a well-prepared paper on "The Meaning of Speculative Masonry."

The M.W. the Grand Master gave a most interesting address dealing with the problems of Masonry in Saskatchewan, and his impressions of Masonry gathered while on his recent visit to the Old Country.

I visited every Lodge in the district during my term of office. Four of the Lodges are located in the City of Moose Jaw and eleven in small country points where total crop failure occurred last year, and in most of them, partial or total crop failure has been the order for the past eight years. Yet, in spite of these adverse conditions, I am bound to say that, in my opinion, the condition of Masonry is sound in District No. 3.

True, there are one or two Lodges in the district that are finding the financial burden very severe, due to the fact that, in more prosperous times, these Lodges assumed obligations that could have been met under normal conditions, but, with continued drought many places of business have been closed in these small towns and many Lodge members have moved away, leaving only a few active members to bear the burden. And of those who remain, many find it difficult to pay dues. On their behalf I would make the strongest appeal to Grand Lodge to render all the assistance in their power.

I wish to extend my sincere thanks to the members of the Moose Jaw City Lodges, and the members of the Installed Masters' Association for their co-operation and assistance in arranging and carrying out a programme of visits to four of the Lodges in different parts of the district on the occasion of my official visits. On October 13th, Doric Lodge No. 71, with W. Bro. Jas. MacDonald, W.M.; M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, P.G.M., and about twenty members, accompanied me to Mossbank Lodge No. 129, and provided speakers and entertainment. Sharon and Mazenod Lodges were invited and turned out in good numbers. On October 18th, St. George Lodge No. 136 sponsored a visit to Central Butte Lodge No. 114, and provided speakers and entertainment. About thirty-five members from Moose Jaw made the trip, and visitors from Eyebrow, Tugaskie, Riverhurst and Caron Lodges attended. On October 19th, Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3 sponsored a visit to Mortlach Lodge No. 107. W. Bro. A. S. Pipes, W.M.; M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, P.G.M.; W. Bro. J. H. Laird, and a large number of Moose Jaw brethren were present, and visitors from Chaplin and Caron Lodges took advantage of the opportunity. W. Bro. J. H. Laird gave a most interesting address, and Bro. Bert Peachell took charge of a musical programme, all of which was greatly enjoyed and appreciated. On October 20th, Memorial Lodge No. 172 sponsored a visit to Briercrest Lodge No. 88. W. Bro. C. M. Nixon, W.M., and a distinguished company of Memorial and other Moose Jaw Brethren made the trip. There were visitors from Avonlea Lodge, but I am sorry that more of the Avonlea Brethren did not take advantage of the invitation. Bro. H. S. Johnstone gave a very entertaining and hopeful address on "Too Much and Too Little," and W. Bro. C. M. Nixon and his merrymakers gave a demonstration on how to make Lodge meetings interesting and increase the average attendance. I cannot speak too highly of the efforts of these Moose Jaw Brethren in making these visits. I believe it is one of the best contributions that can be made to the good and welfare of Masonry in the District, especially in times like the present. It is impossible to say how much these visits were enjoyed by the members of the country Lodges, and on their behalf I wish to say again, "Thank you for coming. Happy to meet, sorry to part, happy to meet again."

On comparing the statistical portion of this report with the previous one, I note that although the arrears of dues are higher in some cases, they are lower in others, and that Mortlach Lodge in particular has handled this matter in a very business-like manner. I find, also, that more meetings were held during the past year, and that the average attendance has been higher.

When making my official visits I tried to spend at least half a day in and around the town where the Lodge was located, and tried to meet as many of the members as possible. In almost every case I was assured that there is good material waiting only until finances will permit these young men to apply for membership.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere appreciation of the

honour conferred on Sharon Lodge and myself by being privileged to serve District No. 3 in this capacity. My term of office has been a most happy one, and I shall long remember the many kindnesses extended to me on my visits, the cheerful co-operation of the Secretaries and the kind assistance rendered by a large number of Brethren at the District Meeting.

Fraternally submitted,

E. MARRIOTT, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 4

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 4.

The District Meeting was held at Fort Qu'Appelle on Wednesday, July 21st, 1937. For the past four years the District Meeting has been held there with excellent success. Fort Qu'Appelle is centrally located and easily accessible by all Lodges in the District. Ninety-five attended the afternoon and evening sessions. Grand Lodge was represented by the M.W. the Grand Master and the M.W. the Grand Secretary, the Grand Junior Warden, the Grand Organist and the District Deputy Grand Master.

During the afternoon session the Grand Secretary very concisely and efficiently discussed Masonic Etiquette with regard to the reception of Grand Lodge Officers, members and candidates, as well as the proper method of budgeting, also the best methods of dealing with suspensions. The Grand Secretary, with the aid of the Brethren, exemplified parts of the third degree. Special nights and inter-Lodge visitations were strongly recommended.

Following the close of the afternoon session a Board of Installed Masters was opened and instruction given the Masters and Past Masters by the Grand Secretary.

At the opening of the evening session V.W. Bro. A. Binnie of Earl Grey Lodge No. 168 was elected D.D.G.M. for 1938-39. The Grand Secretary answered questions from the question box in a very efficient manner. The Grand Organist, V.W. Bro. Towndrow, read a paper on the Symbolism of the Rough and Perfect Ashlar. W. Bro. F. O. Burrill gave a very interesting paper on the Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership. The Grand Junior Warden, A. O. Brooks, spoke briefly on the work of Grand Lodge, especially the administration of the Benevolent Fund. The M.W. the Grand Master in his address referred briefly to a recent trip to England, especially his visits to a few of the English Lodges. Regarding the duties of Grand Lodge and all Constituent Lodges—the necessity for unity and courage was expressed, especially in the drought areas of the Province.

During the sessions word was received of the demise of R.W. Bro. W. McCauley. He was a prominent Mason and a member of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan.

W. Bro. J. McDougal, while attending the District Session, was suddenly stricken and died from a hemorrhage. We deeply mourn the loss of these Brethren.

Membership: The membership throughout the Lodges in District No. 4 remains substantially the same as in 1935-36. Short crops, combined with the lack of work are, in a measure, responsible for the lack of candidates. A reduction in fees may possibly encourage the younger men to seek membership.

Total membership District No. 4	456
Resident members District No. 4	70.8%
Non-resident members District No. 4	29.2%
Attendance at Official Meetings	52.0%

Audits: Financial records on the whole are fairly well kept. All Lodges show an audit within the past twelve months. Total assets for District No. 4 are \$21,997.29.

Arrears of Dues: The inability to keep up membership greatly increases the problem of financing. All Lodges in District No. 4 carry varied amounts on their books. Total arrears, \$2,949.50, a slight decrease from the previous year. The different Lodges vary in their method of handling arrears of dues—some Lodges remit all arrears except for the current year—others carry forward an increased indebtedness which ultimately results in remission or suspension for non-payment of dues.

Masonic Research: Some form of Masonic research is carried on by all Lodges in the District. A number follow the outline sent out from Grand Lodge office—others arrange for their own papers. Most of the Lodges are keenly interested in Masonic research. Several very excellent papers were read at the time of the D.D.G.M.'s visit. It is recommended that more time be given to the study of Masonry.

General: Although the smallest Masonic District within the Jurisdiction it may be termed the cradle of early Masonic history, three Lodges, namely, Qu'Appelle Valley No. 4, Indian Head No. 5 and Qu'Appelle No. 6, being amongst the first to organize in the Province. Masonic education and research has secured a substantial foothold in the District, which we hope, with the advance of time, will continue to improve Masonic relationship within the Constituent Lodges. It is recommended that Special Nights be encouraged, more inter-lodge visitations, and a closer study of Masonic principles.

On behalf of the Brethren in District No. 4, I wish to record thanks and appreciation for the excellent services rendered by W. Bro. H. C. Hall as District Secretary.

Thanks and appreciation are extended to R.W. Bro. A. C. Scott in substituting for the D.D.G.M.'s official visit to Sintaluta Lodge No. 14 on November 16th, 1937.

To the Masters and Secretaries of the various Lodges I wish to express sincere appreciation for their kindly help and assistance in supplying the necessary statistical records for Grand Lodge.

For the valuable assistance and timely advice I wish to extend sincere appreciation to V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary.

Sincere thanks and appreciation are expressed to the M.W. the Grand Master and the Brethren of District No. 4 for the honour and privilege of serving as D.D.G.M. It has been a pleasure and an education to serve the Craft. May the same kindness and consideration be extended to my successor.

Fraternally submitted,

W. H. GIBSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 5

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 5.

District No. 5 covers the City of Saskatoon and surrounding territory, comprising 14 Lodges and a total membership as at December 31st, 1937, of 1,406 Masons—an increase of 5 over the previous year.

A certain amount of doubt and gloom accompanied my eager outlook when I began my visits to the country Lodges in October, following a harvest which might be termed a complete failure. But the spirit which awaited me on these occasions was an inspiration not only to me but also to the Brethren who accompanied me. I found them all eager and hungry for a change from their regular routine of meeting each month, and filled with an unconquerable faith, facing their difficulties with a challenging determination to carry out the great principles of our Order. My heart goes out to these country Brethren in admiration for the loyalty and courage with which they keep their Lodges together and carry on their meetings. Nor can I pass this point without paying tribute to the manner in which they can put on any one of the Degrees, knowing that they were working on a (mock candidate) while many of the Masters, filled "that place of honour" many years ago.

While returning from a country visit one of our Brethren suggested that we get together a few carloads and make fraternal visits. A challenge was issued to the Brethren in the City of Saskatoon that each Lodge visit two of the Lodges in the District, taking their candidate, music, Degree team and entertainment. And I am very pleased to state that in every case this challenge has been whole-heartedly accepted. I am very hopeful of an inspiration resulting from this contact that will encourage these country Brethren and stimulate their admirable efforts so wonderfully evident in the face of so much misfortune and adversity.

It was my privilege to visit each Lodge in the District once during my term of office and I very much appreciate the warm reception accorded me on these occasions, and thank most sincerely the Brethren of the City Lodges who accompanied me. It was my privilege to attend five of the Installation Ceremonies in this District and I feel it my duty to say that this part of our work has in the past ten years been raised to a very high standard. I would make mention of one Lodge in particular whose policy it is to hold the Immediate Past Master responsible for the conferring of the entire Installation Ceremony.

On March 8th Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16 held a special meeting at which a picture of M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, P.G.M., was unveiled. This meeting was called Grand Lodge night. Chairs were filled by Grand Lodge Officers, the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. M. Musk, R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, Deputy Grand Master, and V.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, being present and taking part in the Ceremony. Two candidates were initiated.

On March 19th when visiting my own Lodge—Victory No. 144, we were honoured by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, and I am deeply grateful for his kindness on that occasion.

A great example of Faith and Loyalty was exemplified on one of my visits in February. A Brother who was the last candidate in that Lodge was asked previously to be the candidate on the occasion of my visit. He walked nine miles, in thirty-five below zero weather to be present. "What a tribute to the impression received when Initiated!"

The District Meeting was held at Saskatoon on September 30th. Thirteen Lodges were represented and a total of 74 votes registered. The afternoon was spent in very interesting discussion led by V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary, and many important questions were dealt with. At the evening session W. Bro. J. M. Elliott of Elstow Lodge No. 147 was selected D.D.G.M. W. Bro. Fred Wright, Victory Lodge No. 144, gave a paper on the Duties and Privileges of Lodge Members and V.W. Bro. A. E. Major, Grand Steward, Lakeview Lodge No. 173, prepared a paper on "The Present Economic Conditions in the Province and Freemasonry." In the absence of V.W. Bro. Major, this paper was read by W. Bro. Rev. R. H. Sanderson of Dundurn Lodge No. 117. The address by the M.W. the Grand Master, dealing particularly with his Masonic associations while on his recent tour of Scotland and England, brought a very interesting and instructive meeting to a close.

I find the Lodges in this District are taking a keen interest in Masonic Research. The prepared studies coming monthly from the Committee of Grand Lodge are very beneficial. The City Lodges devote one meeting each month to this important study and are very much enthused. I believe it helps attendance.

To my successor, W. Bro. Elliott, of Elstow Lodge No. 147, may I say that he will find the Brethren of District No. 5 ever ready to assist and co-operate in every way and the office of the Grand Secretary a most helpful source of advice in all matters. And in conclusion I wish to thank the Brethren of District No. 5 for the honour of serving as D.D.G.M. and to assure all that it has been a joy and privilege that I shall always cherish.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. YOUNG, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 6

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 6.

The annual meeting of District No. 6 was held in Weyburn on July 22nd, 1937. Both the afternoon and evening sessions were opened promptly and the agenda adhered to closely. Following the opening exercises, the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Mark Musk, and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, were introduced by M.W. Bro. C. P. Moore and accorded the customary honours. The Grand Secretary led the discussions which were both interesting and informative. W. Bro. O. D. Stitt of Radville Lodge No. 175 contributed a paper on "The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership" which was received by the Brethren with marked appreciation. V.W. Bro. Harry Hartley of Ogema Lodge No. 120 made a short but excellent address at the evening session. A very interesting and profitable District Meeting was climaxed by the address of the Grand Master. M.W.

Bro. Musk's lecture was inspirational, in character suggesting faith and hope for the coming year.

I have visited each of the eleven Lodges in District No. 6. A great part of the support for most of these Lodges is derived from communities that have known a considerable degree of financial adversity in recent years. Any accurate appraisal of the condition of Masonry in this region must not fail to take this fact into account. This has been a quiet year in most of the Lodges but one of earnest effort nevertheless. The number of members in the District has not declined although there has been an increase of arrearages in seven of the eleven Lodges and a considerable increase in the total arrearages for the District. Percentage of attendance shows improvement and inter-Lodge visiting is receiving more attention.

Loyalty is one of the noblest of human qualities but one which often lies dormant and unnoticed "in the broad daylight of prosperity." Just now it is being exemplified in each of our Lodges by a group of faithful members whose fidelity under difficult conditions is a constant proof of the value of Masonry and the brightest omen of promise for the future.

Fraternally submitted,

C. E. WIGHT, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 7

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 7.

We had only 17 days to organize the District Meeting, so it was rather a short time because the newly installed D.D.G.M. was away on holidays and a generally dark aspect of burnt out crops left things to be rushed at the last day. The District Meeting was duly opened at North Battleford on July 5th at 2.30 p.m. The M.W. the Grand Master, Mark Musk, and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, and Grand Lodge Officers were duly received at 2.40 and given Grand Honours. The meeting started as per letter of directions for this District Meeting.

The M.W. the Grand Master and Grand Secretary congratulated us on the two fine papers that were read by V.W. Bro. J. H. Moore and W. Bro. H. S. May, W.M. Battle Lodge No. 19, and requested copies of same so they could be used at various meetings and your D.D.G.M. used them for the same purpose. The attendance was not as large as usual owing to the prevailing bad crop conditions.

In the evening W. Bro. J. B. Parnell of Lonach Lodge No. 182 was elected as the incoming D.D.G.M., and the G.M.'s speech was the tid bit of the day as he gave his reminiscence of a trip to England and his visitations there.

I decided that conditions would not warrant the extra expense of Emergent Meetings, so I visited each of the Lodges at their Regular Meetings. The attendance of each Lodge at the meeting I attended was above average, the work presented was exceptionally well done and uniform.

I am very pleased to report that all Historical Registers in this District are written up in every department of the book for the first

time since 1922. This makes the District, I believe, the banner one and we are now second to NONE, a noteworthy achievement for all other Districts to strive for.

One interesting event was the Silver Jubilee of Radisson Lodge No. 97. The Lodge was opened and the business done as it was also a Regular meeting, by the officers of the Lodge and then the Past Masters according to year of offices filled the chairs and carried the meeting to a close. Part of Ishpaming Lodge No. 43, Langham, Historical Register was read concerning the formation of Radisson Lodge, then their own Historical Register and a paper was given on the trying times the Lodge went through. There were quite a lot of letters from past members wishing them success and expressing sorrow at not being able to attend the meeting. One letter was sent from our Past G.M., M.W. Bro. J. McGregor, expressing regret at not being able to attend as a visitor as he had done in the early days. There were four P.D.D.G.M.'s present, R.W. Bro. W. J. Gold, who as D.D.G.M. presented this Lodge with its Charter 25 years ago, and who is now a valued member of Radisson Lodge; R.W. Bro. F. B. O'Neil, Ishpaming No. 43, District No. 5, and R.W. Bros. A. M. Scott, Radisson, and A. Orchard, Borden, both of our own District No. 7.

I wish to thank all the various Lodges of this District for the great honour they conferred on me in electing me to this most cherished office and I sincerely trust I have not disappointed them in my endeavours while carrying out the duties of D.D.G.M.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES THOMSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 8

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 8.

The District Meeting was held at Oxbow on Friday, July 23rd, and was opened by the D.D.G.M. at 2.45 p.m. Seven of the ten Lodges were represented. We were honoured by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, Mark Musk; the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, and V.W. Bros. R. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary; W. Lewis, Grand Pursuivant. We were also honoured by the presence of several members of Bowbells Lodge, Bowbells, N.D. The attendance was not as large as hoped for due to the hot weather, holidays, absence, haying, etc. I am confident that when normal conditions return the meetings will grow in numbers and as we become better acquainted.

The afternoon session was in charge of the Grand Secretary. The topics under discussion were (a) Masonic Etiquette with respect to: (i) Reception of Visitors; (ii) Grand Lodge Officers; (b) Instruction of; (i) Lodge Officers; (ii) Members; (iii) Candidates; (c) Budgeting; (d) Suspensions; (e) Special Nights; (f) Inter-Lodge Visitation.

M.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary, exemplified the floor work of the Third Degree and answered many questions with regard to the Ceremony.

The afternoon session closed with a Board of Installed Masters. This was particularly interesting because of the presence of the Master and several Past Masters of Bowbells Lodge, N.D. As the American work does not provide for an Installed Masters' Rite it was instructive to those Brethren.

The evening session opened at 7.30 p.m. V.W. Bro. W. Lewis of Arcola Lodge No. 21 was selected as the next D.D.G.M. M.W. Bro. Tate then answered the questions placed in the question box. We then listened to several inspiring addresses: W. Bro. R. Lingard, Amity Lodge No. 15, on "The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership"; V.W. Bro. W. Lewis of Arcola Lodge No. 21, on "Experiences of Masonry"; Rev. Bro. Pauman of Bowbells, N.D., conveying greetings; M.W. Bro. Mark Musk, G.M., on "Masonry in General", a most inspirational and comforting address. There was a short Good and Welfare session, a most friendly period, at which several of the Brethren spoke.

Between sessions a banquet was held in the hall of the United Church. The ladies' efforts were much appreciated by the Brethren. The programme was under the auspices of Boscurvis Lodge and was good. The musical numbers were given by several children.

I visited each Lodge once and some twice. I found all the officers capable and earnest. There were no candidates but some work was exemplified. I wish to express my appreciation of the kindly manner I was received in each Lodge as the representative of the Grand Master. I found all the Brethren seriously concerned with the arrears of dues and thoroughly alive to the situation. With every Lodge in the relief area or the marginal relief area they are carrying on and I am happy to state that the Lodges are all solvent and have increased in most cases their assets and either wiped their liabilities out or materially decreased them. Heward Lodge has the largest liability but it is on their Lodge Room. The Lodge owns the building and are using the downstairs as a Community Hall. It is revenue producing.

I stressed the need of visiting. I found when I planned my visits that four Lodges meet on the same night, three of which are on the Arcola branch, three on another night and two on another night. I suggested to several Lodges that the night might be changed.

On October 7th, 1937, I had the honour of representing the Grand Master at the District Meeting of District No. 6, Manitoba. Each Lodge reported on the year's work. In every case Lodges with large amounts of arrears cleared the most of these off, not by cancelling dues, but by the members paying. We expected M.W. Bro. Boyd, Grand Master of Manitoba, but he could not make it because of the mud. It was a happy meeting.

On October 21st, 1937, six of us attended the International night at Minot. On the same night Boscurvis, Estevan, and other Lodges to the west attended another at Crosby, N.D. We were royally received. There were about 250 present.

On April 6th, 1938, ten of us attended an International meeting at Antler, N.D. We heard an inspirational address by Rev. Hutcheson, the Director of Masonic Education of North Dakota. His theme was "Prejudice and Conviction."

On April 29th, 1938, seven of us attended the International meeting at Reston, Manitoba. This was the eighth year. The attendance has grown from 140 to 279. The meeting was honoured by the presence of M.W. Bro. Boyd, Grand Master of Manitoba; the Grand

Secretary, the Grand Junior Warden, M.W. Bro. Reynolds, P.G.M., of North Dakota, and several Past Grand Masters of Manitoba. At this meeting there were visitors from Minot, Mohall, Sherwood and Antler Lodges, all in North Dakota; Winnipeg, Brandon, Elgin, Souris, Hartney, Napinka, Miniota, Virden, Hargraves, Melita, Deloraine, Manitoba; Maryfield, Border, Saskatchewan, and other Lodges.

On May 10th Border Lodge plans on being host to Reston and Amity Lodges.

I would recommend that International Nights be regularly held at certain points along the International Border and that a representative of Grand Lodge attend each and every one. This could be extended to Inter-provincial Nights.

In conclusion may I express my appreciation of the honour conferred on me by the Brethren of District No. 8. It has been a privilege to serve. May I express my appreciation of the efforts of the officers, members and most particularly of the faithful secretaries in the support they gave me in my work. I shall ever treasure the friendships formed during the year and hope to keep them alive by future visits. It has been an honour and a privilege to have served as D.D.G.M. for 1937-38 and may the incoming D.D.G.M. have the same support and co-operation I have enjoyed.

Fraternally submitted,

J. K. POMEROY, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 9

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 9.

The District Meeting was held at Wapella on Tuesday, September 28th, commencing at 2.30 p.m.

This being the 30th Anniversary of Wapella Lodge they had requested the 1937 District Meeting to be held in their town, the arrangements for this successful Masonic gathering were largely in the hands of the Wapella Brethren, and as their guests we were treated royally.

The meeting was honoured by the presence of our Grand Master, M.W. Bro. M. Musk; also R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, Grand Junior Warden, and V.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary.

During the afternoon discussion on various Masonic topics were very interesting and instructive, particularly those relating to Inter-Lodge Visitation and suspension for arrears of dues. Our Assistant Grand Secretary very ably exemplified parts of the floor work in the Third Degree, after which a Board of Installed Masters was opened and instruction given before adjourning for the supper hour.

At the evening session V.W. Bro. Tate answered all questions that had been placed in the question box and W. Bro. J. W. Claxton of Evening Star Lodge No. 10, Grenfell, was selected D.D.G.M. for the ensuing term of office.

A short paper was read by W. Bro. McArton of Connaught Lodge No. 80, entitled "The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership," and was commented upon by our Grand Master as being well prepared and appreciated by us all.

R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, Grand Junior Warden, favoured us with an address which was of a very instructive nature and was listened to with close attention by all the Brethren.

The M.W. the Grand Master then gave a very interesting talk in connection with his recent visit to the Old Land and particularly that part of his vacation when he had the opportunity of attending several Masonic Lodge meetings in different parts of England.

This instructive talk with its many fine points of advice and suggestion contributed greatly to the evening programme.

All Lodges with the exception of one were well represented at this meeting.

R.W. Bro. McKay of Moosomin Lodge No. 7, who for many years has been District Secretary, asked to be relieved of the duties of this office and V.W. Bro. Buchan of Ashlar Lodge No. 8 was appointed in his stead, R.W. Bro. McKay to act as Assistant Secretary.

During my term of office I visited all Lodges in the District, and my conclusion of the spirit of Masonry in District No. 9 is that the members are truly a happy Masonic Family.

The item of Inter-Lodge Visitation has become an important matter and some really outstanding meetings were held during the past year. This is greatly accounted for by the forethought and sound judgment of P.D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. Hewitt, who in 1936 put into operation what is known as the travelling square.

From a financial point of view the question of arrears of dues is still a thorn in the flesh of a more or less serious nature, but when the farmers of this fair land of ours again produce and market a normal crop, the above worry, I think, will largely be overcome.

On Tuesday, October 15th, 1937, Maryfield Lodge No. 94, celebrated its 25th Anniversary, the occasion being honoured by the presence of M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey and V.W. Bro. R. A. Tate. A charter member of Maryfield Lodge in the person of R.W. Bro. Montgomery, who in the evening of life is still enjoying fair health at the age of 90 years, was present.

In closing if I might add a personal thought it would be this, whether or not I have contributed anything for the good and welfare of Masonry in general, or my fellow-man in particular during the past year remains to be seen, but this I do know, that I have derived unnumbered opportunities and blessings during my term of office, and I shall always cherish pleasant memories as D.D.G.M. for District No. 9 in the year 1937.

"There comes a time I know not when,
A place I know not where.
That marks the destiny of man,
For glory or despair."

Faternally submitted,

W. R. CLARK, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 10

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 10.

As I was in England last year from April to August, I was unable to attend Grand Lodge. It was, therefore, arranged that I be installed at a meeting at Melville on October 7th, 1937. This was a most successful meeting. I had the honour and the pleasure of being installed by my old friend R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks, Grand Junior Warden. Over eighty Brethren were present, more than half of them visitors and almost a third of them visitors from Lodges outside our District, such as Abernethy, Balcarres and Fort Qu'Appelle. This large convocation of Brethren from outside Lodges was a great stimulus to Masonry in this District, and it was the general opinion of the Brethren that if the installation of all the District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the Grand Jurisdiction could be carried out at meetings as successful as this one, this method would be far preferable to the present one, whereby D.D.G.M.'s are installed at the tail end of Grand Lodge, when everyone is tired out and anxious to get home.

For the same reason I was unable to attend the District Meeting at which W. Bro. D. L. Rowntree of Canora was elected my successor. However, one can easily surmise that it was the same as all the other District Meetings in the Grand Jurisdiction, honoured by the presence of the Grand Master, the Grand Secretary, and possibly other Grand Lodge Officers, who delivered excellent and inspiring addresses, set the Brethren right on the work, answered some difficult questions, etc. And in a week or so after the meeting was over, most of the Brethren forgot what was said to them, and the inspiration to do more and better things for Masonry was also forgotten. So might I, with deference, suggest that instead of one District Meeting a year in each District, there should be three or four, where the Brethren could hear the Grand Master or other Grand Officer in his place and the Grand or Deputy Grand Secretary often enough that the excellent addresses of these Officers would have more effect, and where also—which I consider almost more important—the Brethren feel more free to speak their minds. In my opinion many excellent ideas on the Craft come from the individual Mason, and here is the place where he would feel free to air them. Grand Lodge has now become so large and unwieldy that it would be impossible to conduct all the business it does in two days were not everything more or less "cut and dried" beforehand. And so, I imagine, many of the ordinary Brethren who attend Grand Lodge feel the same as I do, that he would not dare to get up and take up the valuable time of Grand Lodge even to say a few words on something he feels in his heart should be said.

My visits to the various Lodges in this District were among the happiest experiences of my life. Everywhere I was greeted with open arms: to me the wonder is not that these Lodges did not do better, but that some of them, especially in the smaller places, were able to exist at all during these trying times. The outstanding dues in some of the Lodges seem rather excessive, but I am convinced that with better times, a large share of these will be liquidated.

I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Brethren of this District for electing me to this high office and hope the friendships I have made with them during my visits will to some extent repay them for their kindness and hospitality. I feel I should make special mention of W. Bros. C. B. Mutchler and J. Cuthbertson of Melville Lodge, who accompanied me on most of my visits.

Faternally submitted,

H. M. P. DeROCHE, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 11

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 11.

The District Meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Gull Lake, on July 20th, 1937. The meeting opened at 3 p.m. when the M.W. the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, were received and accorded the Grand Honours.

After the minutes of the last District Meeting were read and approved, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, took charge and led the discussion on (a) Masonic Etiquette with respect to (i) Reception of Visitors; (ii) Grand Lodge Officers; (b) Instruction of (i) Lodge Officers; (ii) Members; (iii) Candidates; (c) Budgeting; (d) Suspensions. Also exemplification of the floor work in the Third Degree, which was thoroughly discussed by the members in the form of questions and capably and satisfactorily answered by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, in his usual efficient manner. After this a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and all present received very important instructions. The meeting was called from Labor to Refreshment at 6.15 p.m.

Called from Refreshment to Labor at 7.45 p.m., when W. Bro. J. P. Whitham, of Cypress Lodge No. 70, was elected D.D.G.M. for 1938-39. During the counting of the ballots R.W. Bro. A. E. Miscampbell read his report as D.D.G.M. for 1936-37.

V.W. Bro. Leo. Culham of Cabri Lodge No. 119, gave a very splendid paper entitled "The Value of Freemasonry to Society." W. Bro. J. S. Backus, W.M. of Cabri Lodge No. 119, gave a very interesting address on "The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership." Both of which were greatly appreciated by everyone present.

The M.W. the Grand Master then gave a very instructive and inspiring address which brought the meeting to a close. The attendance totalled sixty, nine of eleven Lodges were represented. Maple Leaf No. 9 and Herbert No. 180 were not represented. The voting strength was, P.M.'s, 24; Masters, 7; S.W.'s, 2; J.W.'s, 6; total 39. There were no visitors present.

During my term of office I visited every Lodge once officially, and several unofficially. During my official visits, 42 officers from 11 Lodges were absent, and the membership in every case very small. In a number of Lodges I found the Historical Register had not been written up for a number of years. I now believe everyone is written up to December 31st, 1937. I believe that Masonry would be in this District (and I believe this applies to all Districts) encouraged greatly if visits could be arranged by Grand Lodge to send good Masonic speakers, and visits other than the District Meeting should be arranged by the M.W. Grand Master, along with the D.D.G.M. on his official visit. It is my opinion that Constituent Lodges do not receive the fraternal visits they should from Grand Lodge Officers, Present and Past, in two centrally located points in each District.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Brethren of District No. 11 for the honour conferred upon me by electing me to this high office of D.D.G.M. and for the many kindnesses shown me on my official

visits. If I have contributed something to Masonry in this District I feel very highly repaid.

Fraternally submitted,

W. J. MacKENZIE, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 12

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 12.

The District Meeting was held at Kindersley, on Wednesday, July 7th, 1937, commencing at 2.45 p.m. All Lodges in the District were represented and 54 members signed the register.

We were honoured by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, M. Musk; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, and V.W. Bro. W. A. Ivers, G.S.D., who were received with Grand Honours.

M.W. Bro. Tate, in his very able manner, gave valuable information and sound advice on "Masonic Etiquette in the Lodge", "Masonic Etiquette with respect to Grand Lodge Officers", "Instruction of Lodge Officers, Members and Candidates", "Suspensions and Lodge Finance". The members entered into the discussions of the various subjects and thereby gained much needed information. A portion of the ceremony of the Third Degree was very ably conducted by R.W. Bro. Bishop of Victoria Lodge No. 82. The Question Box was again a feature of the session and we are very grateful to the M.W. Grand Master and the M.W. Grand Secretary for the able manner in which it was conducted.

The evening session was opened at 7.30 p.m. and V.W. Bro. E. H. Scarlett of Eston Lodge was elected D.D.G.M. for 1938-39. V.W. Bro. Ivers, G.S.D., gave a very interesting paper on the "Three Grand Masters" which was well received. The M.W. the G.M., M. Musk, gave a very inspiring address on "Problems as they Confront us Under Present Day Conditions", which was much enjoyed by all.

I visited all the Lodges in the District and found harmony among the Brethren and the Officers proficient with their work. Several Lodges in the District have been very fortunate in having candidates during the year and this goes a long way in helping to keep up the interest of both officers and members.

I am very pleased to report that Masonry throughout the District, despite the difficult times through which we have been passing, is in a very healthy condition.

In conclusion, let me thank the Brethren throughout the District for the great pleasure and privilege that has been mine in serving you as D.D.G.M., also for the cordial welcome and kindly assistance extended to me by all the Lodges. I am especially grateful to the Brethren of Tuberosa Lodge who accompanied me on many of my visits, also all the Secretaries for their promptness in giving the required information. Their loyalty and support has given me real satisfaction and rendered my task a very pleasant one.

Fraternally submitted,

O. D. JACOBS, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 13

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 13.

The annual meeting of District No. 13 was held at Kerrobert on Thursday, July 8th, 1937. Lodges were well represented. An attendance of 95, of which 68 were voting delegates. The meeting was honoured by the presence of M.W. Bro. Musk, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. Tate Grand Secretary; several P.D.D.G.M.'s were also there.

After the Grand Lodge Officers had been introduced by R.W. Bros. Bell and Thorpe and given the customary honours, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. A very useful and helpful discussion was then introduced by the Grand Secretary, on Masonic Etiquette (1) With respect to the introduction of visitors; (2) Reception of Grand Lodge Officers. Many of the Brethren took part in this discussion and all present enjoyed this part of the programme.

W. Bro. R. L. Handbidge of Kerrobert Lodge No. 90 gave a most interesting paper on "The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership." This paper was found most interesting and instructive. Bro. Handbidge especially stressed the duties of Lodge membership.

At the evening session W. Bro. F. E. Jaenicke of Gothic Lodge No. 105, Lugsland, was declared elected D.D.G.M. for District No. 13 for the year 1938-39.

M.W. Grand Master Musk spoke on the problems confronting us as Masons in the light of present day conditions. This address was very interesting to all, as M.W. Bro. Musk has had a wide experience in Masonic problems and his way of dealing with them was very helpful.

I have visited every Lodge in District No. 13. Loverna Lodge No. 149 has not been active since September, 1936. The other eleven Lodges are in good condition considering the times. The true spirit of Masonry is very evident in the Lodges throughout District No. 13. I am convinced that the depression, while it is hard to bear, has led our members to a clearer and better way of thinking. The depression has not made them bitter but on the other hand has made them better. This I am sure is meeting the challenge of today as it should be met by all true Masons.

Every Lodge in District No. 13 has done splendid work along the lines of Masonic education and research. This is one phase of work I emphasized everywhere I visited, and the Lodge that is systematic in this respect will certainly be a lively Lodge. The condition of Masonry in District No. 13 is of a high order and with return of good crops will hold their own in every particular.

In closing I want to thank the Brethren of District No. 13 for electing me as their D.D.G.M. I have appreciated very much the courteous treatment they gave me at all times. Every Lodge I visited helped me in my work and I shall never forget the year I served you as D.D.G.M. I sincerely hope and trust better times are in store for us all.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. EARLE, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 14

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 14.

A very successful District Meeting was held in the Masonic Hall, Vanguard, on Monday, July 19th, 1937. Grand Officers present included M.W. Bro. M. Musk, Grand Master; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary; R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill, Grand Senior Warden, and V.W. Bro. Wm. Cuthbertson, Grand Steward. Eleven of the thirteen Lodges in the District were represented, total attendance being 92.

The programme as outlined by Grand Lodge was carried out. M.W. Bro. Tate, Grand Secretary, gave instruction upon the various subjects under discussion, and exemplified a portion of the Third Degree in a very capable manner. The evening session was opened at 7.45 p.m. in the United Church. The selection of a D.D.G.M. was proceeded with, and W. Bro. A. H. Stevens, an enthusiastic member of Glenedyth Lodge No. 188 proved to be the choice of the Brethren. The M.W. the Grand Master invested R.W. Bro. H. Elliott with the regalia of a P.D.D.G.M. and the R.W. Bro. responded in a fitting manner. Our Grand Master's address was listened to with much interest and was greatly appreciated by all present. The District Meeting was closed in prescribed form at 9.50 p.m.

At the beginning of the year we all hoped that this District would experience a return to favourable crop conditions, but it proved to be the most disappointing year of all, in that respect. Various points from which in good years thousands of bushels of wheat went forward into the world's market, did not ship a single bushel. Nevertheless I am proud to record that on my visits to the various Lodges in the District, I found a spirit of optimism in the country in general, and courage and fortitude in connection with Masonry in particular.

Shaunavon Lodge started last winter's season with a banquet preceding their September meeting, which was a great success. There were 40 members and 23 visiting Brethren in attendance. I regret that I was prevented from reaching Shaunavon in time for the banquet, however, I greatly enjoyed the meeting that followed.

During the fall a Rally Night was put on by Woodrow Lodge at which R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill, G.S.W., represented Grand Lodge. A delegation from North Border Lodge, Opheim, attended this meeting. A play entitled "The Turn of the Tide" was presented and a most enjoyable evening was spent. The Brethren of Vanguard Lodge regretted being unable to attend this Rally as it fell on their regular meeting night.

Late in the season a quantity of quarter-cut oak lumber was donated to Vanguard Lodge, and Bro. H. G. Percival, Senior Warden, made it up into principal pieces of furniture for the Lodge. A great deal of credit is due Bro. Percival for the appropriate design and skillful workmanship which he has wrought into this furniture.

Generally speaking, Masonry may be said to be "Marking Time" in this District at present, waiting for the return of crop years when the "Forward March" will be resumed.

I take pleasure in stating that I have been able to make one official visit to each Lodge in the District, and on each occasion I

deemed it my duty, on behalf of our Grand Master, to endeavour to leave a message that might assist the Brethren in the construction of that inner Temple, which neither storm nor adversity can affect, and wherein man may find an abiding place.

The regalia of my office will soon be turned over to my successor, and with it will go my sincere wish that the Brethren of District No. 14 will accord to him the same measure of loyalty and support that they have given me, and that the year before us shall record the upturn of general conditions throughout the District.

I desire to express my gratitude to the Brethren of District No. 14 for the honour conferred upon me in electing me to the office of D.D.G.M., and for the kindness and consideration that I have received at their hands.

Fraternally submitted,

J. R. PILSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 15

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 15.

The District Meeting was held at Viscount, on Monday, July 12th, 1937, 7 Lodges being represented. The meeting was honoured by the presence of M.W. Bro. M. Musk, Grand Master, and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, who were introduced by R.W. Bro. E. G. Brand, and accorded Grand Honours. There were several visitors, some of them coming from Saskatoon and other points quite a distance away, all being accorded a hearty welcome.

During the afternoon session M.W. Bro. Tate in his able manner developed interesting and instructive discussions, and exemplified portions of the Third Degree.

During the evening session questions put in the question box were answered by M.W. Bro. Tate. This I consider one of the most essential ways of obtaining information dealing with some of the knotty questions that arise.

V.W. Bro. R. H. Chant of Foam Lake Lodge was then selected as D.D.G.M. for the ensuing year, after which M.W. Bro. Musk gave a very inspiring and instructive address. The meeting then closed and the Grand Lodge Officers proceeded with the dedication of the Viscount Masonic Temple. This is a very beautiful Ceremony, and one that will never be forgotten by those who were there to witness it. The Viscount Brethren are to be congratulated for this fine Temple as it shows a great fraternal spirit and courage to erect this building in the face of the general depression which has hit this part of the country quite hard.

District No. 15 comprises 10 Lodges all of which I visited at least once and some of them twice. I was very pleased with the efficient manner in which the Officers and Brethren carried on the various duties. There has been very little new material. This, of course, is caused by the difficult times through which we are going, but even this I feel has its advantages as it tends to cement a closer

fraternal brotherhood between the older members also bringing them to a point of exploring other fields of instruction in their endeavour to make Lodge meetings interesting, more social evenings and inter-lodge visitation, all of which I consider very beneficial to Masonry.

I wish to take this opportunity of expressing my thanks and appreciation to all the Brethren for the honour they bestowed upon me, and for their many kindnesses toward me during my visits. The P.D.D.G.M.'s assisted me greatly with their past experiences, and the officers and members made me most welcome at all times. I sincerely hope I have been able to do a little good during my term of office, and trust you will receive my successor with the same kindness you always accorded me.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN E. PARKINSON, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 16

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 16.

The District Meeting was held at Govan on July 13th at 2.30 p.m. with three Lodges unrepresented, but with a splendid attendance from all other Lodges of the District, which made it a very interesting meeting.

The meeting was honoured by the presence of the M.W. the Grand Master, M. Musk, and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary; also M.W. Bro. J. O. Clarke, R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton, Deputy Grand Master; V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary.

The afternoon session was in charge of the Grand Secretary and he took great pains in explaining the tenets and principles of Freemasonry, and the need for every Mason to make a study of them and to act on them as well. The exemplification of the floor work in the Third Degree was very interesting and much appreciated by the Brethren.

A Board of Installed Masters was also held which M.W. Bro. Tate explained in detail to the Brethren, after which an adjournment was made for refreshments.

At the evening session the first business was the selection of a D.D.G.M. for 1938. W. Bro. D. Alcott of Kelliher was elected. The question box was the next business and some very interesting questions were asked, all of which were efficiently dealt with by the Grand Secretary. A most excellent short address was given by V.W. Bro. W. A. MacFarlane, the appointed officer for the District, which was much appreciated by the Brethren. The Grand Master then addressed the meeting and gave us a very inspiring address on Masonry in general.

I have visited every Lodge once and found all Lodges carrying on under difficulties as to finances and a shortage of candidates.

I think there was one item passed at the last convocation which should be rescinded, I mean with reference to Life Membership. It is a backward step for Masonry to be able to buy a Life Membership just like a pound of tea. This honour should be conferred only

for long and faithful service to Masonry or the Empire or some outstanding act of bravery of some kind.

Fraternally submitted,

J. NOTTINGHAM, D.D.G.M.

DISTRICT No. 17

To the M.W. the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A. F. & A. M.

M.W. Grand Master and Brethren:

I beg to submit herewith my report as District Deputy Grand Master for District No. 17.

This District is comprised of eleven Lodges with a total membership of 420.

The District Meeting was held in the Broderick Lodge room in Glenside on July 9th, 1937. All Lodges were represented except one. The M.W. the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Grand Secretary, were in attendance.

At the afternoon session a most interesting and instructive programme of Lodge problems was conducted by M.W. Bro. Tate in his well known manner. At the close of the afternoon session a Board of Installed Masters was conducted.

For the greater comfort and convenience of the Brethren the evening session was held in the auditorium of the United Church. The questions submitted in the question box were answered by M.W. Bro. Tate, who also gave an interesting lecture on the tracing board.

W. Bro. Daniel McMurchy of Broderick Lodge No. 113 was elected as the next D.D.G.M. R.W. Bro. J. C. Carter of Outlook Lodge was elected District Secretary. Two well prepared papers were given by W. Bro. S. Platt and V.W. Bro. H. J. Kelly of Hawarden. This profitable District Meeting was brought to a close by an inspiring address by the M.W. the Grand Master. Thanks are due the Broderick Brethren for their hospitality. They did much to add to the success of the meeting.

I found it a pleasant duty to visit all Lodges in the District and considering the adverse circumstances which the Lodges are experiencing, I find the condition of Masonry on the whole to be fair. While it is true only three Lodges have had any increase in membership and arrears of dues are very large, attendance is holding up very well. This is especially true among Lodges which are active in Masonic Education and Research. I am much impressed with the spirit of enthusiasm and determination expressed by many of the members of the various Lodges to carry on despite adverse conditions. I feel sure that with a bountiful harvest realized again District No. 17 will make full recovery.

It has indeed been a privilege to serve this District as D.D.G.M. and it is my sincere hope that during my term of office I may have made some contribution to the cause of Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

J. V. GREER, D.D.G.M.

Report of Grand Treasurer

The Grand Treasurer, R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner, submitted the following report, which, on motion of R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner and M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, was received, and with the Report of the Auditor, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the M.W. Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

I have pleasure in submitting my report as your Treasurer and attach hereto Statement of Receipts and Payments for the year ended March 31st, 1938.

The details of the Benevolent Fund payments will be found in the report of the President of the Board.

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1938

GENERAL FUND

Receipts:

Cash on Hand and in Bank April 1st, 1937	\$ 4,093.78
Dues and Fees:	
Membership Dues	\$ 6,822.30
Initiation Fees	980.00
Affiliation Fees	157.00
Commuted Life Memberships	650.20
Past Masters' and Other Certificates	125.00
	<u>8,734.50</u>
General Receipts:	
Dispensations	125.00
Sale of Supplies	414.00
Interest on Bonds	1,053.74
Benevolent Fund Grant	100.00
	<u>1,692.74</u>
	<u>\$ 14,521.02</u>

Payments:

Accrued Interest on Bond Exchange	\$ 183.79
Printing, Postage and Stationery	1,221.42
Cabinet for Museum	56.10
Travelling Expenses, G.M., D.D.G.M.'s, Grand Secretaries and Board of General Purposes	1,779.79
Salaries and Honoraria	5,030.00
Rent	1,200.00
Supplies for Resale	156.25
P. G. M.'s Regalia	165.00
D. D. G. M.'s Regalia	126.00
Fidelity Bonds	18.75
Flowers	17.26
Sundry Office Expense	236.72
Masonic Relief and Charity	50.00
Grand Lodge Expense	149.90
Miscellaneous	135.00
	<u>\$ 10,525.98</u>
Cash on Hand and in Bank March 31st, 1938	<u>3,995.04</u>
	<u>\$ 14,521.02</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Receipts

Cash in Bank April 1st, 1937	\$ 5,318.74
Refund of Advances	300.00
Initiation Levy	2,460.00
Per Capita Levy	4,819.00
Interest on Bonds and Bank Balance	16,274.91
Bond Principal Repaid	36.00
Lodge Contribution	3.50
	<u>\$ 29,212.15</u>

Payments:

Grant to General Fund	\$ 100.00
Trustees' Expenses	87.50
Relief Payments Less Refunds	15,107.30
Bonds Purchased	\$ 7,561.25
Accrued Interest on above	9.29
	<u>7,570.54</u>
	<u>\$ 22,865.34</u>
Cash on Hand and in Bank March 31st, 1938	6,346.81
	<u>\$ 29,212.15</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Receipts

Cash in Bank April 1st, 1937	\$ 393.51
Interest on Bonds and Bank Balance	91.88
	<u>\$ 485.39</u>

Payments:

Loan	\$ 200.00
Cash in Bank March 31st, 1938	285.39
	<u>\$ 485.39</u>

Fraternally submitted,
A. C. GARNER,
Grand Treasurer.

Audited and found correct,
W. G. SMITH, C.A.,
Auditor.

Report of Auditor

Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.,
Regina, Saskatchewan.

I have audited the books and records of your Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer for the year ended March 31st, 1938, and submit herewith the following schedules and reports:

Exhibit A—Balance Sheets.

Exhibit B—General Fund—Revenue and Expenditure Account.

Exhibit C—Benevolent Fund and Educational Fund—Revenue and Expenditure Accounts.

Exhibit D—Consolidated Surplus Account.

Schedule A—Schedule of Investments.

I hereby certify that, in my opinion, the Balance Sheets set forth correctly the affairs of the Grand Lodge as at March 31st, 1938, and that the Revenue and Expenditure Accounts show correctly the operations for the year, according to the information and explanations given me and as shown by the books of the Grand Lodge.

Regina, Sask.,
May 3rd, 1938.

W. G. SMITH,
Chartered Accountant.

Exhibit A—BALANCE SHEETS AS AT MARCH 31st, 1938

GENERAL FUND

Assets:

Cash on Hand and in Bank after providing for Outstanding Cheques		\$ 3,995.04
Lodge Dues in Arrears	\$ 245.90	
Lodge Dues in Suspense	19.80	
		265.70
Supplies for Resale		503.14
Furniture and Fixtures	1,636.30	
Regalia	495.70	
		2,132.00
Investments as per Schedule A	14,981.23	
Accrued Interest	278.40	
		15,259.63
		<u>\$ 22,155.51</u>

Liabilities:

Surplus April 1st, 1937	\$22,392.04	
Less: Deficit for Current Year	236.53	
		<u>\$ 22,155.51</u>
		<u>\$ 22,155.51</u>

BENEVOLENT FUND

Assets:

Cash on Hand and in Bank after providing for Outstanding Cheques		\$ 6,346.81
Initiation Levy in Arrears	\$ 20.00	
Lodge Dues in Arrears	165.10	
Lodge Dues in Suspense	13.20	
		198.30
Investments as per Schedule A	326,378.37	
Accrued Interest	4,190.00	
		330,568.37
		<u>\$337,113.48</u>

Liabilities:

Capital Surplus April 1st, 1937	\$302,893.69	
Plus: Increase for the Current Year	7,366.50	
		\$310,260.19
Revenue Reserve April 1st, 1937	25,422.30	
Plus: Increase for the Current Year	1,430.99	
		26,853.29
		<u>\$337,113.48</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Assets:

Cash in Bank after providing for Out-standing Cheques		\$ 285.39
Advances to Teachers		1,870.00
Investments as per Schedule A.	\$ 1,595.00	
Accrued Interest	3.70	
		1,598.70
		<u>\$ 3,754.09</u>

Liabilities:

Surplus April 1st, 1937	\$ 3,662.21	
Plus: Earnings for the Current Year	91.88	
		\$ 3,754.09
		<u>\$ 3,754.09</u>

Exhibit B—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1938

GENERAL FUND

Revenue:

Dues, Fees, etc., Collected	\$ 8,730.00	
Dues, Fees, etc., Reported but not Paid	131.50	
		\$ 8,861.50
Dispensations		125.00
Interest Earned on Bonds		806.32
Profit on Sale of Supplies		129.73
Grant from Benevolent Fund		100.00
		<u>\$ 10,022.55</u>
Net Deficit to Surplus Account		236.53
		<u>\$ 10,259.08</u>

Expenditures:

Travelling Expenses:		
D. D. G. M.'s	\$ 776.85	
Board of General Purposes	458.30	
Grand Master and Grand Secretaries	544.64	
		\$ 1,779.79
Salaries and Honoraria		5,030.00
Printing, Postage and Stationery		1,221.42
Office Rent		1,200.00
Flowers		17.26
P. G. M.'s Regalia		165.00
Sundry Office Expense		236.72
Fidelity Bonds		18.75
Masonic Relief and Charity		50.00
Grand Lodge Expense		149.90
Miscellaneous		135.00
		\$ 10,003.84
Loss on Bond Sold	111.00	
Depreciation—Furniture and Fixtures	114.44	
Regalia	29.80	
		255.24
		\$ 10,259.08

Exhibit C—REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1938

BENEVOLENT FUND

Revenue:

Initiation Levy		\$ 2,460.00
Per Capita Levy Collected	\$ 4,816.00	
Per Capita Levy Reported but not Paid	87.00	
		4,903.00
Lodge Contribution		3.50
		7,366.50
Total Capital Revenue		
Interest Earned	16,425.79	
Loan Repaid	300.00	
		16,725.79
		\$ 24,092.29

Expenditures:

Relief Payments Less Refunds		\$ 15,107.30
Grant to General Fund		100.00
Expenses of the Board of Trustees		87.50
		\$ 15,294.80
Total Revenue Expenditures		
Transferred to Revenue Reserve	\$ 1,430.99	
Transferred to Capital Surplus	7,366.50	
		8,797.49
		\$ 24,092.29

EDUCATIONAL FUND

Revenue:

Interest Earned	\$ 91.88
	<u>\$ 91.88</u>

Expenditures:

Net Profit for the Year	\$ 91.88
	<u>\$ 91.88</u>

Exhibit D—CONSOLIDATED SURPLUS ACCOUNT

For the Year Ended March 31st, 1938

Balance April 1st, 1937	\$354,370.24
Net Gain—Benevolent Fund Capital Account	\$ 7,366.50
Net Gain—Benevolent Fund Revenue Reserve	1,430.99
Net Gain—Educational Fund	91.88
	<u>\$ 8,889.37</u>
Net Deficit General Fund	236.53
	<u>8,652.84</u>
Total Surplus March 31st, 1938	<u>\$363,023.08</u>

Schedule A—INVESTMENTS AS AT MARCH 31st, 1938
BENEVOLENT FUND

Province of Saskatchewan Bonds	Face Value	Book Value
4 % 1957	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 752.40
4 % 1953	2,000.00	1,701.60
4½ % 1945	1,000.00	864.80
4½ % 1955	2,000.00	1,557.60
4½ % 1956	1,000.00	977.50
4½ % 1957	5,000.00	4,610.10
4½ % 1957 F.R.	5,000.00	4,553.20
4½ % 1960	2,000.00	1,595.00
5 % 1943	1,000.00	965.00
5 % 1959	7,000.00	6,200.00
5½ % 1952	2,000.00	1,868.00
5 % 1960 F.L. F.R.	84,500.00	84,014.55
5½ % 1946	23,000.00	24,092.50
6 % 1952	12,000.00	11,571.75
5 % 1954 F.L. Registered	46,000.00	42,958.30
5 % 1958	21,000.00	18,560.00
5 % 1959	15,000.00	13,050.00
Dominion Government Guarantee:		
3 % 1962 G.T.P.	973.33	968.46
3 % 1948-52 C.N.R.	3,000.00	2,925.00
4½ % 1956 C.N.R.	5,000.00	5,422.50
5 % 1954 C.N.R. F.R.	40,500.00	46,980.00
3 % C.N.R.	2,000.00	1,940.00

Dominion of Canada:

4 %	1945	500.00	532.50
3½ %	1956-66	1,000.00	990.00
4½ %	1948-58	1,000.00	1,105.00
3 %	1966	5,000.00	4,825.00
3½ %		3,000.00	2,970.00
3 %		3,000.00	2,651.25

Sundry:

7 %	1940	Town of Moosomin	123.90	123.90
6 %	1950	Saskatoon S.D. No. 13	1,000.00	1,119.90
6½ %	1951	Regina S.D. No. 4	2,000.00	2,206.00
5 %	1953	City of Moose Jaw	2,000.00	1,960.60
4½ %	1959	City of Saskatoon	10,000.00	8,758.00
5 %	1941	City of Saskatoon	500.00	435.00
5 %	1959	City of Saskatoon	1,000.00	950.50
4½ %	1949	City of Regina	2,000.00	1,874.40
5 %	1957	City of Regina	3,000.00	3,023.40
5 %	1959	City of Regina	5,000.00	4,875.00
5 %	1940	City of Regina	1,000.00	900.00
6½ %	1941	City of Regina	2,000.00	2,258.00
4 %	1966	City of Prince Albert	12,166.66	6,691.66
			<u>\$337,263.89</u>	<u>\$326,378.37</u>

GENERAL FUND

4 %	1957	Province of Saskatchewan	\$12,000.00	\$ 7,800.00
5½ %	1946	Province of Saskatchewan	4,000.00	4,200.00
5 %	1957	City of Regina	2,000.00	2,015.60
3 %	1962	G. T. Pac. Dom Govt. Guarantee	1,460.00	965.63
			<u>\$ 19,460.00</u>	<u>\$ 14,981.23</u>

EDUCATIONAL FUND

4½ %	1960	Province of Saskatchewan	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 1,595.00
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Grand Secretary's Report

The Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, submitted the following report, which, on motion of M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate and W. Bro. J. W. Robinson (64), was received and with the report of the Assistant Grand Secretary, referred to the Committee on Finance:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:—

I take pleasure in submitting herewith my 24th Annual Report as Grand Secretary.

In accordance with the arrangement entered into at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in 1935, my attention during the past year has been confined to organizing and attending the District

Meetings, furnishing instruction in the Esoteric Work at same, overseeing the carrying out of the Masonic Education Programme of Grand Lodge and the administration of the Benevolent Fund. The Assistant Grand Secretary had charge of all detail work in the Grand Lodge office and he will submit his report in due course.

District Meetings

As soon as it was possible to do so, after our last Annual Communication, acting on instructions from the M.W. the Grand Master, I worked out an itinerary of our Masonic Districts and sent out notices to all constituent Lodges calling the Annual Meeting for each District. The drafting of an itinerary of this nature, to fit in with railway and bus time tables and enable the Grand Master and Grand Officers to get from place to place without loss of time, and at the same time, as far as is in our power, meet the desires of the Brethren as to time and place of meeting, etcetera, is a most difficult and exacting task. Unfortunately, the work of drawing it up has to be rushed, in order that the meetings may be organized and the schedule as nearly as possible completed before harvesting operations commence.

It was my privilege this year to attend thirteen of the meetings. At the other four my place was taken by the Assistant Grand Secretary. One of the gatherings which I attended was held jointly with the Dedication Ceremony of the new home of Viscount Lodge No. 151. The Ceremony was conducted by the Grand Master in a very impressive manner. The meetings uniformly bore evidence of painstaking organization on the part of the District Deputies; the attendance was gratifying and the interest manifested, inspiring.

The value of these gatherings is now generally recognized. Without them it would be impossible for the Grand Lodge Officers to come into intimate touch with the officers and members of all constituent Lodges and get their viewpoint which is so desirable. The opportunity for unhurried discussion afforded to the rank and file constitute these meetings the democratic forum of Freemasonry. There the unsolved problems of the Craft are discussed and many valuable suggestions made leading to their ultimate solution.

Masonic Education

Under the able Chairmanship of W. Bro. Douglas Fraser, the Committee, appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master to carry on the work of Masonic Education during the past year, has rendered splendid service. As in former years, I acted as Secretary of the Committee, and with the Chairman edited the monthly outlines and supplied most of the references and questions for discussion. The programme this year was, in my opinion, one of the most practical we have yet had and the outlines were well up to standard. I look on this work as vital to the future of Freemasonry and appreciate having the opportunity of serving and directing the work.

Benevolent Fund

For the past two years, at the suggestion of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund, the Committee on Masonic Education have urged upon constituent Lodges the importance of setting apart a night annually to be known as Benevolent Fund Night and have sent out outlines to assist Lodges in preparing therefore. Through the observance of this night in our Lodges I am encouraged to hope that the Craft in Saskatchewan are coming to have a better under-

standing of the importance of the work being done through the agency of the Fund.

The time and attention that has to be given to the administration of the Fund is increasing year by year. In addition to the work that is done by the Executive from time to time, three full meetings of the Trustees were held last year. At the spring meeting, which occupied two full days, the grants to our beneficiaries were all carefully reviewed and the securities inspected by the Trustees. I gave considerable time and thought to preparing for these meetings and was in attendance at them all.

Conclusion

In conclusion permit me to express my appreciation to Grand Lodge for the arrangement which permits me to continue to serve the Institution in which I have taken such pride throughout the years. I trust the service I have been privileged to render during the past year has been of value to Masonry.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

Assistant Grand Secretary's Report

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:—

I submit herewith my Annual Report detailing the work of the Grand Lodge Office for the year past.

The Proceedings of the 31st Annual Communication were compiled, printed, and distributed within six weeks after the Communication.

Grand Representatives' Commissions, Certificates for appointed and elected Grand Lodge Officers, M.M. Certificates, P.M. Certificates and L.M. Certificates were promptly prepared and issued as required.

The mimeographing and sending out of the monthly papers of the Committee on Masonic Education; circular letters with reference to District Meetings, Semi-annual Returns, Notices of Motion to amend the Constitution; lists of Elected and Appointed Grand Lodge Officers, Suspensions, Rejections and Restorations; the Notice calling the 32nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge received prompt and careful attention.

The work of the office is up-to-date.

Dispensations

The following Special Dispensations have been issued by direction of the M.W. the Grand Master:

- To Attend Divine Service Wearing Regalia—53.
- To Elect, Install or Elect and Install at Other Than Date Set—22.
- To Act on Petition from without Jurisdiction of Lodge—1.
- To Transact Regular Business at Date Other Than Set by By-Law—4.
- To Act on Petition without Necessary Residence Qualifications—1.

D.D.G.M. Regalia

The D.D.G.M. regalia of District No. 1 having become completely worn out was turned in to the Grand Lodge office and on authorization of the Finance Committee was replaced with new regalia.

Returns

The following is a synopsis compiled from the Semi-annual Returns for August, 1937, and February, 1938:

Total Membership Feb. 28, 1937	12,690
Membership, Feb. 28, 1937, on whom G.L. Dues payable	11,821
Add—Initiated	245
Affiliated	157
Restored	50
	452
Deduct—Demitted	242
Deaths	122
Suspended	250
Commuted Life Members	72
	686
Membership, Feb. 28, 1938, on whom G.L. Dues payable	11,587
Commuted Life Members, Feb. 28, 1937	869
Added during year	72
Deaths Commuted Life Members	17
Commuted Life Members, Feb. 28, 1938	924
Total Membership, Feb. 28, 1938	12,511
Net Loss	179
Total Number Chartered Lodges	198

Financial Statement

All fees, dues, etc., owing to Grand Lodge for the year ended March 31st, 1938, have been paid with the exception of the following amounts:

	General Fund	Benevolent Fund
Heward Lodge No. 29	\$11.20	\$ 6.80
Goose Lake Lodge No. 99	10.80	7.20
Limerick Lodge No. 109	18.60	12.40
Lancer Lodge No. 123	12.90	8.60
Mossbank Lodge No. 129	10.50	7.00
Avonlea Lodge No. 156	127.30	92.20
Sharon Lodge No. 170	25.80	31.70
Verwood Lodge No. 177	16.50	11.00
Norquay Lodge No. 178	12.30	8.20
	<u>\$245.90</u>	<u>\$185.10</u>

Since the books closed on March 31st, 1938, Limerick Lodge No. 109 has paid the arrears as listed above.

As shown in my report last year one of our Lodges was allowed to hold \$33.00 in suspense, which item still stands and is not listed above.

The following is a summary of the financial transactions of the office:

Receipts—General Fund	\$10,427.24
Benevolent Fund	24,294.06
Educational Fund	91.88
	\$34,813.18
Deposits—General Fund	\$10,427.24
Benevolent Fund	24,294.06
Educational Fund	91.88
	\$34,813.18

The Benevolent Fund receipts listed above include a voluntary contribution of \$3.50 from Admiral Lodge No. 199. They also include \$270.80, being 40 per cent of the Commutation Fees on all Life Memberships granted by Lodges subsequent to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge in June, 1937, when the Constitution was so amended, reported on the August, 1937, and February, 1938, Semi-annual Returns.

District Meetings

In the absence of the Grand Secretary I assumed his duties and accompanied the M.W. the Grand Master to the following District Meetings:

- District No. 2 held at Regina on September 29th, 1937.
- District No. 3 held at Moose Jaw on September 27th, 1937.
- District No. 5 held at Saskatoon on September 30th, 1937.
- District No. 9 held at Wapella on September 28th, 1937.

Visitations

On October 12th, 1937, in company with M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, I attended the 25th Anniversary of Maryfield Lodge No. 94. The outstanding feature of this meeting was the honouring of Brother Alexander Montgomery, one of the Charter Members of the Lodge, who on the day following celebrated his ninetieth birthday and who had been an active member of the Craft for the past sixty-one years. On February 28th, 1938, I attended the 18th Anniversary of Banner Lodge No. 154, Regina, and on April 12th, 1938, the 25th Anniversary of King Hiram Lodge No. 104, Regina.

On March 8th, 1938, it was my privilege to accompany our Most Worshipful Grand Master and our Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master to a meeting of Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16 at Saskatoon, on which occasion a portrait of M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey was unveiled and well deserved tribute paid to his untiring work in the interests of Masonry. On March 15th, 1938, I attended a meeting at Moose Jaw where the Brethren of the Lodges of that City and surrounding district tendered a banquet in honour of M.W. Bro. Jas. McCauley, prior to his removal from their midst. The occasion was a whole-hearted and loving tribute to his years of faithful service in the cause of Saskatchewan Freemasonry.

On instructions of the M.W. the Grand Master I attended a meeting of Avonlea Lodge No. 156 at Avonlea, on November 11th, 1937, and endeavoured to assist them in solving problems resulting from continued adverse conditions. On February 9th, 1938, on instructions of the M.W. the Grand Master, I accompanied R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton to Arcola to assist the Lodge at that point in solving a problem.

On October 22nd, 1937, accompanied by R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner, I represented the M.W. the Grand Master at an International Meeting at Crosby, North Dakota. On this occasion there were twenty-five Lodges represented and the meeting was, in every respect, of a truly International character. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of North Dakota was present and delivered a real Masonic message.

In addition to the above I attended a large number of meetings in Regina and at outside points but, as a result of being now responsible for practically the entire administrative work of the Grand Lodge office, it was not possible for me to accept invitations to many other meetings without disrupting the work of the office.

Conclusion

With our Grand Master living in the northern section of the Province the majority of the business requiring his personal attention was conducted by correspondence. Prompt business-like methods of dealing with all matters were constantly in evidence and greatly eased the burden of work in the Grand Lodge office. To have been intimately associated with our Grand Master was to learn to love and appreciate him for his true worth as a man and a Mason.

It has been an inspiration to serve in the Grand Lodge office during the past difficult year and to again realize that our Brethren, in spite of the dark clouds, have never waived in their firm faith in God, our Country, and our Fellow Man.

Fraternally submitted,

ROBT. A. TATE,

Assistant Grand Secretary.

Selection D.D.G.M.'s

The M.W. the Grand Master announced that the D.D.G.M. Elect for District No. 6 had removed from the Jurisdiction and that the D.D.G.M. Elect for District No. 11 had died and that it would therefore be necessary for the representatives of the Lodges in these respective Districts to meet, during recess, and select Brethren whom they wished to recommend for appointment as D.D.G.M.'s of their respective Districts.

There being no further business on the agenda for the morning session the Grand Master called the Craft from labour to refreshment.

THE FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 1.30 p.m., M.W. Bro. Mark Musk, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Report of Board of General Purposes

R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton presented the report of the Board of General Purposes, which, on motion of R.W. Bros. S. C. Burton and H. M. Underhill, was adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Immediately the 31st Annual Communication was concluded on June 17th, 1937, the Board of General Purposes assembled for purposes of organization. The Standing Committees were then selected. The second meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, Prince Albert, on June 14th, 1938. There was a good attendance of members and many items incident to this Grand Jurisdiction were dealt with. All of the Standing Committees submitted reports which were examined, received, and are now referred to Grand Lodge.

An application, accompanied by the payment of \$5.00 from Bro. Thomas Mason King, of the now non-existent Blaine Lake Lodge, for reinstatement and demit was considered, and your Board recommend to Grand Lodge that the request be granted.

The Bicentenary Celebrations of the founding of Masonry in Canada, referred to in last year's Proceedings, are being held in Halifax, July 11th and 12th, and your Board recommend the appointment of M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, who is the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, as the representative of this Grand Lodge on that occasion.

The Deputations from the British Grand Lodges, who are attending the Nova Scotia celebrations, have accepted the invitation conveyed to them by this Grand Lodge to pay a fraternal visit to our Grand Lodge on July 29th, and your Board recommend the convening of an Especial Communication of this Grand Lodge on that date.

Your Board have considered an application from Saskatchewan Lodge No. 16 that this Grand Lodge approve the adoption of a standard gold button recognizing fifty years' Masonic membership, and that suitable buttons be made available for purchase by Lodges from the Grand Lodge office. Your Board recommend the approval of this recommendation.

Fraternally submitted,

S. C. BURTON, President.

Committee on Grand Master's Address

M.W. Bro. C. P. Moore presented the report of the Committee on Grand Master's Address which, on motion of M.W. Bros. C. P. Moore and R. Young, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

It is the function of the Committee on Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence to make a careful study of the said address, consider its conformity to constitutional requirements, express approval or disapproval of the official acts of the Grand Master during his tenure of office, and submit a report of their findings to this Grand Body. However, it should be distinctly understood that this Committee has no plenary power and that it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to make the final decision respecting all questions and matters reviewed and assume responsibility for the same prior to adoption.

Our Grand Master's remarks regarding District Meetings are in accord with those expressed by many of his predecessors and it appears to be the unanimous opinion that we have found the natural

and logical solution of the problem of providing a convenient place for the Masons of each District to meet and discuss their problems, receive instruction, and fraternize with their fellows. We are pleased to note that our Grand Master is a convert to the suggestion made some years ago that the selection of the D.D.G.M. should be preceded by nomination. We recommend that the practice be followed in the near future made possible by amendment to the Constitution.

Your Committee voices the strongest approval of the action of our Grand Master in refusing permission to unnamed parties to circularize Lodges for the purpose of furthering the sale of some product in order to raise money, notwithstanding that the profits were to be used for charitable purposes. Such a practice, our Grand Master points out, would establish a bad precedent.

We recommend approval of the ruling of the Grand Master respecting Section 148 of the Constitution.

The usual appointments and recommendations of Grand Representatives were made and being the prerogative of the Grand Master necessitate no extended reference.

Courtesy visits were made to several special Masonic meetings by the Grand Master or his duly accredited representatives with good results and we approve of the practice. We also favour the suggestion that visitations by the members of Urban Lodges to Rural Lodges should be encouraged as it has proven of benefit to all concerned. We commend the Grand Master for his timely suggestion, that our Urban Lodges take a brotherly interest in selected individual Rural Lodges, the idea having been enthusiastically adopted in many quarters. Under the conditions that have obtained in many parts of the Jurisdiction it has no doubt resulted in maintaining the morale of our Brethren and a continuation of Masonic activity.

Your Committee has no hesitation in paying its respects to our Grand Master on the completion of his labours as active head of our Fraternity in this Grand Jurisdiction. Most Worshipful Bro. Musk, during his term of office has radiated the spirit of optimism and good fellowship. Justice and prudence have featured his work and he has exercised a beneficial influence over all Masons with whom he has come in contact.

We congratulate our Grand Master upon the capable manner in which he has discharged the duties of his high office under most trying economic circumstances.

Fraternally submitted,
CHARLES P. MOORE.

Report of Committee on Jurisprudence

M.W. Bro. C. P. Moore presented the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence which, on motion of M.W. Bros. C. P. Moore and R. Young, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, considering the notices of motion as presented, find that proposed motions number one, four, five and six comply with all Constitutional requirements and may be presented to this Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,
CHARLES P. MOORE.

Report of Committee on Grievances and Appeals

R.W. Bro. O. S. Black presented the report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals which, on motion of R.W. Bro. O. S. Black and W. Bro. D. Fraser, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee on Grievances and Appeals beg leave to submit the following report:—

Re: Composite Lodge No. 103 vs. W.M.

W. Bro. W.M. was charged by the J.W. of his Lodge with un-Masonic conduct.

A trial was duly held when the accused Brother, who was present in person, pleaded guilty, whereupon a verdict of guilty was recorded and he was duly sentenced to indefinite suspension.

Your Committee finds the proceedings to have been entirely regular and the verdict and sentence justified and recommends that Bro. W.M. be expelled.

Fraternally submitted,

O. S. BLACK, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Condition of Masonry

M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig presented the report of the Committee on Condition of Masonry which, on motion of M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig and R.W. Bro. A. M. Bell, was received and adopted as follows:—

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

When your Committee on the Condition of Masonry presented its report on June 16th, 1937, at your Annual Communication at Moose Jaw it was then apparent that our Province and our Masonic Jurisdiction co-inciding with it was still at the nadir of material things; I do not think we realized the almost complete disaster about to occur but we had premonitions of it.

In our last report we endeavoured to briefly analyze the conditions in each of the seventeen Districts of the Province, some of the activities and records of each of the Constituent Lodges, and to comment where it appeared necessary on certain aspects in connection with all of these.

We do not consider that any useful purpose would be served by a similar analysis for the Masonic year 1937-1938 as it would of necessity be largely a repetition of the statistics for 1936-1937, with a slight upward index in some Districts and a slight recession in others.

The amazing part of the whole aspect as it appears to your Committee is the tenacity and pluck of the Masons of this Province. We perhaps should not be surprised by this as men who are easily beaten, men who admit defeat, men without moral courage are rarely admitted to our Fraternity.

We propose this year to make our report comparatively brief. This may encourage the Secretaries of the Lodges to obey the annual

injunction of the Grand Master that this report shall be read in each Lodge.

The District Deputy Grand Masters installed at our 1937 Communication are:—

District No. 1—J. T. Tomlinson	Prince Albert
District No. 2—J. Uprichard	Regina
District No. 3—E. Marriott	Bateman
District No. 4—W. H. Gibson	Indian Head
District No. 5—J. R. Young	Saskatoon
District No. 6—C. E. Wight	Lang
District No. 7—Jas. Thomson	Edam
District No. 8—J. K. Pomeroy	Gainsborough
District No. 9—W. R. Clark	Windthorst
District No. 10—H. M. P. DeRoche	Melville
District No. 11—Wm. J. McKenzie	Lemsford
District No. 12—O. D. Jacobs	Kyle
District No. 13—H. M. Earle	Druid
District No. 14—J. R. Pilon	Vanguard
District No. 15—J. E. Parkinson	Margo
District No. 16—J. Nottingham	Raymore
District No. 17—J. V. Greer	Sovereign

All active Lodges were visited at least once by the District Deputy Grand Masters and some a number of times. The greatest number of visits by any one District Deputy Grand Master was 17. May we say that this was in District 14 in the very heart of the 1937 dust bowl.

The following special comment is submitted on the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the several Districts:—

District No. 1:

13 Lodges. Study groups organized in eleven. All Lodges solvent. Ritualistic work uniform and generally satisfactory. An optimistic and cheerful report. The following suggestions offered:—1. Special stationery for the District Deputy Grand Master; 2. Revision of the form of the statistical report; 3. Further and better instruction to District Deputy Grand Masters.

District No. 2:

Small attendance at District Meeting. Additional interest in inter-visitation. Only one Lodge consistently aiming to carry through the programme of Masonic Education. Suggestions:—1. That the Committee on Masonic Education arrange to meet the District Deputy Grand Master at each Annual Communication of Grand Lodge; 2. or, the subject of Masonic Education be placed on the agenda of each District Meeting immediately after the election of the District Deputy Grand Master.

District No. 3:

More meetings held during year. Average attendance higher. Condition of Masonry sound. On the whole a cheerful report, and evidence of an earnest effort by the District Deputy Grand Master to faithfully discharge his duties.

District No. 4:

Membership substantially the same. A slight decrease in arrears of dues. Most of the Lodges keenly interested in Masonic Education. Suggestions:—1. Encouragement of special programme nights; 2. Extension of inter-lodge visitations.

District No. 5:

A lively, interesting and cheerful report, which we hope will be read carefully in each Lodge of the District. An increase of 5 in membership. An unconquerable Masonic Spirit. Inter-visitation between urban and rural Lodges. Due attention to hours of refreshment. High standard of work in the Lodges. Zeal exemplified by a Brother walking nine miles in 35 below zero weather to attend a meeting of his Lodge.

District No. 6:

No decline in membership. 7 out of 11 Lodges show increase in arrears of dues. Attendance improved. Inter-lodge visitation on increase.

District No. 7:

Attendance at official visit above the average. Work presented exceptionally well done and uniform. Historical register in every Lodge fully up to date which the District Deputy Grand Master suggests is a mark at which other Districts may shoot.

District No. 8:

Lodges all solvent and liabilities reduced. Assets increased. Interesting references to international visits. Suggestions:—1. That as many Lodges in this District meet on the same night, this should be changed.

District No. 9:

All but one Lodge represented at District Meeting. Inter-lodge visitation flourishing. Expresses belief that when crops return arrears of dues will cease to be a problem. Speaks of the members of this District as truly a happy Masonic family. Names a Charter Member of Maryfield Lodge in attendance on October 15, 1937, at the age of 90 years.

District No. 10:

The report of this Brother is a little cynical as to the lasting results of the District Meeting held once a year. He suggests that three or four per year be held. He also suggests that the installation of the District Deputy Grand Master should take place at a District Meeting. The average attendance in this District varies from a high of 30.8 in No. 62 to a low of 8.6 in No. 178.

District No. 11:

42 Officers in 11 Lodges absent on official visit of District Deputy Grand Master. Historical registers complete in all Lodges to December 31, 1937. Suggestions:—1. That Grand Lodge should arrange to send good Masonic speakers to at least two central points in each District several times a year. 2. That Constituent Lodges do not receive the fraternal visits they should from Grand Lodge Officers.

District No. 12:

Several new members in this District. Harmony among the Brethren. Officers proficient. Despite everything Masonry in a healthy condition.

District No. 13:

The depression has made the Brethren not bitter but better. Masonic Education well carried on. The condition of Masonry is of a high order.

District No. 14:

Normal Masonic activity despite the most deplorable economic conditions. Marking time for the return of normal conditions when the forward march will be resumed. Vanguard Lodge reports a donation of cut oak from which Bro. H. G. Percival, S.W., designed and made furniture for the Lodge.

District No. 15:

Viscount Masonic Temple dedicated. Little new membership but closer cementing of ties of existing membership. Officers efficient in their work.

District No. 16:

The only general comment on the condition of Masonry in the District was in the words following: "I have visited each Lodge once and found all Lodges carrying on under difficulties as to finances and a shortage of candidates." This report contains a suggestion that purchased life memberships should be abolished, and that a life membership should be conferred only for long and faithful service to Masonry or to the Empire or for some outstanding act of bravery.

District No. 17:

Attendance holding up well. Condition of Masonry on the whole fair. Three Lodges have shown increase in membership. Impressed with spirit of enthusiasm and determination.

The general story of the condition of Masonry in Saskatchewan for the last Masonic year is told in the above extracts from the reports and comments of the seventeen District Deputy Grand Masters. It is safe to conclude that the seventeen reports most fairly portray conditions. The picture as a whole is cheerful and hopeful.

The opinion is constantly expressed through all the reports that normal crops and improved conditions will quickly restore our membership to its former numbers and promote a continued growth.

If Masonry can present the picture it does under the conditions in the past year it does not seem extravagant to hope and believe that with our present crop prospects there will be a great revival in the ensuing year.

Your Committee expresses the hope that material prosperity will not in any way dim and diminish the spiritual effort necessary for the continued well being of our Order.

Your Committee recommends that the various suggestions of the District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Board of General Purposes for consideration. Your Committee further recommends that the rank of P.D.D.G.M. be conferred upon the seventeen District Deputy Grand Masters named in this report.

Fraternally submitted,

N. R. CRAIG, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin presented the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. M. Martin and R. Young, was received and adopted as appearing in the appendix at the commencement of the Review of the Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions.

Report of Committee on Finance

R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton presented the report of the Committee on Finance which, on motion of R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton and M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke, was received and adopted as follows:—

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

We beg to submit our report for the financial year ended March 31st, together with estimates for the year 1938-39.

The Auditor has reported to us that he has found the records of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary in order, and your Committee, having also examined these reports, recommend same for your adoption. Seven Lodges, while making returns, have been unable to remit their full per capita assessment, and the total in arrears on March 31st amounted to \$198.30. Since the close of the business year some remittances have been received and we sincerely hope that these Lodges will be able to improve their financial position, and during the year remit the arrears to the Grand Secretary.

Our estimated revenues have proven remarkably close to the actual with these exceptions: That the actual revenue from membership fees was \$378.00 less than the estimated and owing to the action of Grand Lodge last year in dividing the Commuted Life Membership Fees between the Benevolent Fund and the General Fund, the General Fund proportion was \$350.00 less than estimated.

Another variation is in the amount of bond interest which, owing to the change in investments during the year, increased the interest received by an extra payment. This will not recur this year. With these exceptions, the estimates of revenue were exceedingly close to the actual.

In regard to expenditures, these also were actually very close to the estimates, but where a variation existed, it was in the way of a saving. We have therefore drawn up our estimates for the current year on the basis of the actual experience of last year, and hope that again the estimates will be very close to the actual experience.

ESTIMATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR 1938-39

Receipts

	1937 Estimated	1937 Actual	1938 Estimated
Membership Fees	\$ 7,200.00	\$ 6,822.30	\$ 7,000.00
Initiation Fees	1,000.00	980.00	1,000.00
Affiliation Fees	100.00	157.00	150.00
Commuted Life Membership Fees	1,000.00	650.20	650.00
Past Masters' Certificates	125.00	125.00	125.00
Special Dispensations	125.00	125.00	125.00
Interest	800.00	1,053.74	840.00
Sale of Publications	400.00	414.00	400.00
Benevolent Fund	100.00	100.00	100.00
	\$10,850.00	\$10,427.24	\$10,390.00
Cash on hand	50.00		50.00
Cash in Bank	4,043.78		3,945.04
	\$14,943.78		\$14,385.04

Expenditures

	1937 Est.	1937 Actual	1938 Est.
Salaries and Honoraria—			
Honourary Grand Secretary	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Grand Secretary	2,400.00	2,400.00	2,400.00
Grand Treasurer	200.00	200.00	200.00
Grand Tyler	25.00	25.00	25.00
Committee on Foreign Corres..	200.00	200.00	200.00
Stenographer	780.00	780.00	840.00
Holiday office help	30.00	30.00	30.00
Steno. Assistance G.L. Com.	10.00	10.00	10.00
Office Rent	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Safety Deposit Box	10.00	10.00	10.00
P.O. Box Rent	8.00	8.00	8.00
Auditor	250.00	250.00	250.00
	<u>\$ 6,313.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,313.00</u>	<u>\$ 6,373.00</u>

Travelling

D. D. G. M.'s	1,000.00	776.85	900.00
Board of General Purposes	500.00	458.30	600.00
Grand Master	300.00		300.00
General	400.00	544.64	700.00
	<u>\$ 2,200.00</u>	<u>\$ 1,779.79</u>	<u>\$ 2,500.00</u>

Miscellaneous

Printing	600.00		600.00
Postage and Excise	500.00		500.00
Sundry Stationery and Supplies	400.00	1,221.42	300.00
Relief	500.00	50.00	500.00
General Expenses	1,000.00	921.88	1,000.00
	<u>\$ 3,000.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,193.30</u>	<u>\$ 2,900.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$11,513.00</u>	<u>\$10,286.09</u>	<u>\$11,773.00</u>
Estimated balance end of year			\$ 2,612.04
Estimated deficit on year's operations			\$ 1,383.00

Under the heading of Expenditure is included the sum of \$500.00 for relief. This sum has been provided in the budget for many years past, although the actual expenditures have not averaged more than \$100.00 per year, but we think it well to continue the appropriation.

You will note that we estimate there will be a deficit on the year's operations of the current account of \$1,383.00, but due to the unlikelihood of the item we have just mentioned being totally expended, and some possible savings in other items of expenditure, this deficit we hope will be cut at least in half.

On the recommendation of the Assistant Grand Secretary, we have provided for an increase in the salary paid the stenographer of \$60.00 per year, which is practically the only change in the estimated expenditures.

Your Committee have seen the revenue from the per capita assessment drop steadily, with the falling membership for several years past, and feel it their duty to point out that it has only been through a wise provision in the past when revenues were buoyant, of building up a reserve, that it has been possible during the depression years to get by without increasing the per capita assessment.

We all trust that with the return of good harvests, Masonry will greatly benefit, and the revenues of the general account become more buoyant.

During the year the Committee exchanged a Government of Saskatchewan Bond with a face value of \$10,000.00 for one with a lower interest rate, but with a face value of \$12,000.00, the net result being that the value of the investment was increased by \$2,000.00 without any loss in interest earnings, and as we are holding these bonds for investment purposes, the present low market price does not particularly concern us.

Fraternally submitted,

S. C. BURTON, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity

M.W. Bro. R. Young presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity which, on motion of M.W. Bros. R. Young and J. McGregor, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Committee on Masonic Relief and Charity begs leave to report as follows:—

During the Masonic year ending March 31st, 1938, one application for relief was entertained.

After reviewing the case your Committee authorized a grant of \$50.00 to Woodrow Lodge No. 112.

Fraternally submitted,

R. YOUNG, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Charters and New Lodges

R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill presented the report of the Committee on Charters and New Lodges which, on motion of R.W. Bros. H. M. Underhill and A. O. Brooks, was received and adopted as follows:—

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Committee on Charters and New Lodges report that during the past year there have been no applications for Charters, or other matters to consider.

Fraternally submitted,

H. M. UNDERHILL, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Necrology

M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly presented the report of the Committee on Necrology which, on motion of M.W. Bros. F. B. Reilly and W. J. Smith, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Annual Communications are milestones to guide us on our way and to mark our progress. Since last Communication many of our Brethren have taken a detour. That portion of Eternity called Time is for them cancelled. Their training as Craftsmen having been completed they laid down the working tools and entered into everlasting peace and happiness. We miss their greetings and their hand clasps. The world was a little better because they lived, our Craft the richer. Our sympathy goes out to those near and dear to them.

"We know not now, but in the coming years
With vision broadened we shall understand
Why friends must part, why hearts must mourn,
And leave a broken household band."

Naturally we had the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with those who served in Grand Lodge and so make special reference to them.

R.W. Bro. Charles Lockhart Riach, initiated Feb. 7th, 1919, in Kinistino Lodge No. 1, Prince Albert, was Worshipful Master in 1923, and D.D.G.M., District No. 1, 1927-28. He was appointed the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Queensland near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in 1927. He made a valuable contribution to Masonry by his work on the Grand Lodge Committee on Education from 1926 to 1934. For the last few years of his life he was under a tremendous physical strain from ill health. Yet under torture he maintained his cheerful greeting and faithful service. Truly a worker deserving honour. He passed on April 30th, 1938.

M.W. Bro. L. T. McDonald passed on at his home in Toronto on April 7th, 1938, at the age of 78 years. Initiated June 6th, 1905, in Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton, Ontario. Coming West he affiliated with Wascana Lodge and as Junior Warden attended the Organization Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan August 6th, 1906, and in June, 1907, the First Annual Communication of the new Grand Lodge. As Worshipful Master of Wascana Lodge he welcomed Grand Lodge meeting in Regina in June, 1908. In 1910 he was appointed the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. In 1909 he was elected a member of the Board of General Purposes and in 1914 Grand Master. He was active in Grand Lodge work until his return to Ontario in 1922.

He served with distinction in other branches of Masonry especially the Royal Arch and the Scottish Rite.

A true friend, a valued Mason and a good citizen, his work remains.

Fuller particulars of his life are given in a memorial prepared by the Assistant Grand Secretary, and we recommend this be published in full in the Proceedings.

R.W. Bro. William McCauley was initiated October 16th, 1905, in Moose Jaw Lodge No. 26, G.R. Manitoba (now No. 3, G.R.S.). He was Master in 1912, appointed Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Arkansas near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in 1913. He served as Grand Steward 1914-15. Was D.D.G.M. District No. 3, 1920-21. Elected to the Board of General Purposes in 1921, and served on that Board until he passed on July 21st, 1937. He became familiar to most of you from his service as Chairman of the Credential Committee, a position he served so faithfully and well.

R.W. Bro. Clifford G. Kearns was initiated April 17th, 1913, in Maple Leaf Lodge No. 9, Maple Creek. He was Worshipful Master in 1920 and D.D.G.M. of District No. 11, 1926-27. He served well and passed on very suddenly December 5th, 1937.

W. Bro. James P. Whitham affiliated with Cypress Lodge No. 70, Gull Lake, September 17th, 1915, from Builders Lodge No. 177, Ottawa, Ontario. He was Worshipful Master in 1919 and was selected as D.D.G.M. for District No. 11 and would have been installed at this Communication of Grand Lodge. He passed on very suddenly April 20th. A friendly spirit who will be greatly missed in his community.

W. Bro. Wm. E. Dennison, a Charter member of St. John's Lodge No. 106, Assiniboia. He was Worshipful Master in 1916 and elected to the Board of General Purposes for 1923. He was Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick (his native Province) near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. Prominent in his District he served in many activities. He passed on September 26th, 1937.

R.W. Bro. Harry Brodie was initiated March 22nd, 1910, in Moose Jaw Lodge No. 3. He became a charter member of St. George Lodge No. 136 and was Worshipful Master in 1921. He was D.D.G.M. of District No. 3 in 1927-28. He was the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Virginia near the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. He passed on February 16th, 1938. A pioneer of his city, connected with the many movements having the object of building up and bettering the community, his passing leaves a gap, and Moose Jaw for a long time will appear to us to be lacking owing to his absence.

V.W. Bro. Thos. Stevenson was initiated July 12th, 1920, in York Lodge No. 157, Churchbridge. He was Worshipful Master in 1926 and Very Worshipful Grand Steward in 1930-31. He passed on August 16th, 1937.

These beloved Brethren have left an example of labour well done as an inspiration for us, and no better tribute to their memory can be made than that of faithfully carrying on the work in which they took such delight.

"Tis sweet, as year by year we lose
Friends out of sight, in faith to muse
How grows in Paradise our store."

Some 140 of the Brethren of the Constituent Lodges received a summons from the Grand Lodge Above. Each had a place in the affections of the members of his Lodge and of his friends.

"They're gone, and yet they're here—
For memory, more sweetly still
Will keep them in our hearts until
The excellence that in them shone
Becomes in us our very own,
A living souvenir."

Our fraternal sympathy goes out to our Sister Jurisdictions who have lost many of their Distinguished Brethren.

We recommend that suitable memorial pages be placed in the Proceedings in memory of our own Brethren, as well as those of Sister Grand Lodges.

We wish to thank our Brethren living in Victoria, B.C., who again placed flowers in the Royal Oak Burial Park at Saanich on the graves of:—

M.W. Bro. H. Jagger, Moose Jaw;
R.W. Bro. John M. Shaw, Regina;
R.W. Bro. F. S. Proctor, Fort Qu'Appelle;
W. Bro. W. T. Mollard, Regina.

The Brethren taking part in this ceremony were:—W. Bro. Wm. Niblock, Wascana No. 2; W. Bro. T. G. Clarke, Melfort No. 18; R.W. Bro. W. R. Ridington, Battle No. 19; Bro. F. W. Light, Battle No. 19; W. Bro. G. H. Lyne, Prince Albert No. 63; Bro. C. C. Creagh, Unity No. 73; R.W. Bro. Purnell, Radville No. 175.

"There is no Death;

The stars go down to rise upon some fairer shore
And bright in Heaven's jewelled Crown
To shine.

"There is no Death;

The dust we tread shall change 'neath summer showers
To golden grain or mellow fruit; or rainbows
Into flowers."

Fraternally submitted,

FRANCIS B. REILLY, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Grand Lodge Library

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate presented the report of the Committee on Grand Lodge Library which, on motion of M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate and J. McGregor, was received and adopted as follows:—

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M. Brethren:

Your Committee beg to report. No new books have been added during the year other than the Annual Proceedings from Sister Grand Jurisdictions.

Your Committee has inspected the library from time to time and find all books catalogued and in good order. We recommend the purchase of some suitable type of step ladder to facilitate access to the library shelves.

Your Committee regret the absence of the Chairman of this Committee at this Annual Communication of Grand Lodge owing to the serious illness of his wife.

Fraternally submitted,

W. B. TATE, Acting Chairman.

Report of Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund

M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams presented the report of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund which, on motion of M.W. Bros. N.B. Williams and J. McGregor, was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.

Brethren:

Your Benevolent Fund Trustees submit for your consideration the following report:—

We are convinced that there is being gradually built up a much better understanding of the principles which guide your Trustees and the policies to which they endeavour to adhere in the administration of this Fund. This is well. It overcomes many misunderstandings and difficulties which arose in the past, promotes better co-operation between Lodges and your Trustees and to a great extent expedites the work of the Board.

There is, however, one point which we wish to make perfectly clear in connection with beneficiaries who are in receipt of or eligible for Old Age Pensions. The point is this: It is a statutory regulation that any individual receiving an Old Age Pension shall not be in receipt of a total income from all sources in excess of one dollar per day or \$365.00 per annum. Consequently if a grant made by your Trustees plus the Old Age Pension exceeds \$365.00 per annum, the Old Age Pension will be cut down in the amount of such excess. In other words, if a beneficiary of our Fund is receiving an Old Age Pension of \$20.00 per month (and has no other income) the maximum amount which your Trustees may grant to such beneficiary may not be more than \$125.00 per annum, or approximately \$10.00 per month. During the past year your President interviewed the Commissioner of Old Age Pensions, Regina, together with a representative of the Auditor General, Ottawa, and pointed out to them that any assistance granted by your Trustees was wholly voluntary and could not be regarded as a "benefit" or "guaranteed income" but found that the said pensions are subject to annual reviews (as are our grants) and that the Commissioner was required to adhere strictly to the legal requirements governing the granting or renewing of Old Age Pensions, which requirements include the disclosure of all income or benefits received by the pensioner irrespective of the source from which they be derived—the amount of the pension being determined accordingly. Thus in case it were found that a beneficiary was receiving, say \$15.00 per month from the Benevolent Fund in addition to an Old Age Pension of \$20.00 per month—making in all \$420.00 per annum—that beneficiary's pension would immediately be cut down to the extent of \$55.00 per annum or \$4.58 per month and the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund would thus be relieving the State of a monthly payment to that Pensioner of \$4.58 per month. In view of what we consider to be our Masonic obligation to our aged Brethren, we may not, and in fact do not, graciously accept a condition of this kind but your Trustees are obliged, nevertheless, to be governed thereby.

The income by way of interest on bonds and bank balances received during the year ended March 31st last, was \$16,274.91—just slightly less than the amount so received during the preceding year—but it should be noted that whereas the total assets of the fund as at March 31st, 1937, were \$328,315.99, as at March 31st, 1938, they were \$337,113.48, indicating a fact that has been stressed from time to time, namely, that on a percentage basis the revenues to be derived from year to year on invested capital will gradually decrease. Hence the necessity for a steady increase in the capital sum. The net grants paid out during the past year, amounting to

\$15,107.30 (\$15,312.95 less refunds in connection with grants previously made of \$205.65) were somewhat less than the earned revenue leaving a balance of some \$1,400.00 to be transferred to Revenue Reserve Account. The net increase in the capital fund for the year amounted to \$7,366.50.

During the past twelve months \$15,312.95 has been paid out in grants from the Fund as follows:—

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
1	Kinistino	Mrs. M. S.	\$ 180.00
1	Kinistino	Mrs. C. A. C.	30.00
2	Wascana	Mrs. M. P. D.	7.50
3	Moose Jaw	Bro. R. L. F.	78.00
3	Moose Jaw	Mrs. J. M.	88.50
5	Indian Head	Mrs. D. H. M.	180.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. E. B.	240.00
7	Moosomin	Mrs. M. B.	54.00
9	Maple Leaf	Bro. W. E. G.	195.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. B. M. C.	150.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. M. M.	180.00
11	N.W.M.P.	Mrs. R. M.	7.00
12	Yorkton	Mrs. T. F. A.	90.00
12	Yorkton	Mrs. T. B.	180.00
13	Duck Lake	Mrs. E. S.	170.00
15	Amity	Mrs. E. N. F.	240.00
15	Amity	Mrs. S. D.	120.00
16	Saskatchewan	Mrs. E. B.	180.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. S. V. K.	180.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. J. E. H.	180.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. D. E. M.	120.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. A. R.	300.00
17	Carlyle	Bro. R. J. K.	157.50
19	Battle	Mrs. R. W.	181.45
19	Battle	Mrs. J. R. T.	90.00
20	Weyburn	Bro. C. M.	45.00
20	Weyburn	Bro. A. N. M.	180.00
23	Britannia	Mrs. A. B.	108.00
25	Estevan	Mrs. E. M. F.	240.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. H. E. C.	162.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. W. H. P.	216.00
27	Alameda	Mrs. O'B.	210.00
33	Davidson	Bro. G. W. Z.	60.00
35	Prince Rupert	Bro. H. J. M.	30.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. J. B.	108.00
40	Rouleau	Bro. E. L. P.	150.00
43	Ishpaming	Bro. E. F. B.	216.00
45	Aurora	Mrs. W. W. G.	240.00
50	Golden Fleece	Mrs. G. H.	120.00
51	Touchwood	Bro. G. P.	180.00
54	Buchanan	Mrs. G.	180.00
55	Craik	Mrs. C. W. P.	162.00
55	Craik	Mrs. T. A. B.	108.00
55	Craik	Mrs. W. C.	108.00
58	King Solomon	Mrs. J. R.	200.00
59	Canora	Mrs. E. L. M.	60.00
62	Melville	Bro. J. I.	108.00
64	Manitou	Mrs. A. M.	120.00

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
68	Govan	Mrs. G. B.	108.00
68	Govan	Mrs. K. A. H.	151.50
71	Doric	Bro. J. M.	120.00
71	Doric	Mrs. J. F.	75.00
76	Tisdale	Bro. W. H. P.	156.00
76	Tisdale	Mrs. C. C. C.	180.00
80	Connaught	Mrs. L. J. S.	300.00
83	Meridian	Bro. A. J. S.	54.00
83	Meridian	Mrs. W. J.	27.00
84	Lanigan	Mrs. B.	54.00
85	Zealandia	Mrs. G. H.	162.00
87	Wadena	Bro. G. H. N.	90.00
92	Lodge Progress	Mrs. L. C.	240.00
92	Lodge Progress	Bro. J. F. M.	240.00
94	Maryfield	Mrs. J. R.	120.00
95	Evergreen	Mrs. J. H.	240.00
95	Evergreen	Bro. W. Y.	300.00
98	Union	Bro. C.	304.50
99	Goose Lake	Bro. H. J. E.	216.00
99	Goose Lake	Mrs. G. A. N.	60.00
101	Acacia	Bro. E. H. T.	150.00
103	Composite	Mrs. T. C.	156.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. F.	180.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. W. H.	180.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. G. H.	60.00
107	Mortlach	Mrs. M. M. F.	150.00
107	Mortlach	Mrs. C. M. G.	125.00
115	Landis	Mrs. S. M. M.	30.00
120	Ogema	Mrs. T. C.	162.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. A. M.	180.00
124	Mount Hermon	Mrs. A. J.	162.00
125	Latomia	Bro. A. B.	45.00
125	Latomia	Mrs. A. B.	8.00
128	Meyronne	Bro. W. J. H.	75.00
129	Mossbank	Bro. A. J. D.	180.00
130	Togo	Bro. A. B. M.	195.00
133	Philathea	Bro. J. R.	60.00
133	Philathea	Bro. F. C.	60.00
135	Elrose	Bro. S. H.	75.00
136	St. George	Mrs. J. C. D.	144.00
138	Kincaid	Mrs. M. C.	120.00
139	Riverhurst	Mrs. C.	180.00
145	Elfros	Mrs. G. H.	216.00
145	Elfros	Mrs. M. F. S.	216.00
147	Elstow	Bro. J. C. C.	15.00
147	Elstow	Mrs. A. C.	180.00
147	Elstow	Mrs. P. C.	162.00
151	Viscount	Mrs. B.	108.00
153	Blaine Lake	Mrs. O. P.	300.00
154	Banner	Bro. G. R. S.	60.00
172	Memorial	Mrs. M. B.	264.00
172	Memorial	Bro. C. F. K.	96.00
174	St. Andrews	Mrs. J. V.	60.00
177	Verwood	Mrs. W. S.	120.00
177	Verwood	Mrs. W. E. A.	50.00
179	Kelvington	Bro. R. S. T.	72.00

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
182	Lonach	Mrs. L. T.	144.00
185	Loyalty	Mrs. M. J. R.	84.00
187	Lucky Lake	Mrs. R. M.	50.00
195	Pleasantdale	Bro. J. R. M.	171.00
199	Admiral	Bro. A. C. K.	180.00

From this it will appear that assistance was granted in one hundred and nine cases this year, of which eleven were new cases, as compared with one hundred and eleven last year.

The following amounts have been refunded in connection with grants previously made:—

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
7	Moosomin	Mrs. B.	\$ 9.00
24	Wolseley	Mrs. H. E. M.	10.00
40	Rouleau	Bro. E. L. P.	50.00
113	Broderick	Mrs. W. J. S.	66.65
113	Broderick	Bro. J. B. S.	300.00
154	Banner	Bro. G. R. S.	60.00
156	Avonlea	Bro. T. H. C.	10.00

In addition to a number of meetings of the Executive, four full meetings of the Board were held during the year, on June 17th, 1937, November 25th, 1937, May 26th, 1938, and June 14th, 1938.

At the May meeting the securities held by the Board were carefully checked over and the Trustees expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the condition of same. Also at this meeting the reports from the various Lodges receiving grants were reviewed and the following grants passed for the year 1938-39:—

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
1	Kinistino	Mrs. M. S.	\$ 180.00
2	Wascana	Mrs. M. P. D.	30.00
3	Moose Jaw	Bro. R. L. F.	78.00
3	Moose Jaw	Mrs. J. M.	78.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. D. H. M.	180.00
5	Indian Head	Mrs. E. B.	240.00
6	Qu'Appelle	Mrs. E. R. D.	90.00
9	Maple Leaf	Bro. W. E. G.	210.00
10	Evening Star	Mrs. B. M. C.	37.50
10	Evening Star	Mrs. M. M.	180.00
11	N.W.M.P.	Mrs. R. M.	42.00
12	Yorkton	Mrs. T. F. A.	22.50
12	Yorkton	Mrs. T. B.	180.00
15	Amity	Mrs. E. N. F.	240.00
15	Amity	Mrs. S. D.	120.00
16	Saskatchewan	Mrs. B.	120.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. S. V. K.	180.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. J. E. H.	180.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. D. E. M.	120.00
16	Saskatchewan	Bro. A. R.	300.00
16	Saskatchewan	Mrs. J. H. B.	120.00
19	Battle	Mrs. R. W.	180.00
19	Battle	Mrs. J. R. T.	90.00
20	Weyburn	Bro. A. N. M.	45.00
23	Britannia	Mrs. A. B.	108.00
25	Estevan	Mrs. E. M. F.	180.00
26	Swift Current	Mrs. H. E. C.	27.00

No.	Lodge	Beneficiary	Amount
26	Swift Current	Mrs. W. H. P.	216.00
27	Alameda	Mrs. O'B.	210.00
33	Davidson	Bro. G. W. Z.	120.00
35	Prince Rupert	Bro. H. J. M.	120.00
36	Bruce	Mrs. J. B.	216.00
43	Ishpaming	Bro. E. F. B.	216.00
45	Aurora	Mrs. W. W. G.	240.00
50	Golden Fleece	Mrs. G. H.	120.00
51	Touchwood	Bro. G. P.	180.00
54	Buchanan	Mrs. G.	180.00
55	Craik	Mrs. C. W. P.	162.00
55	Craik	Mrs. T. A. B.	108.00
55	Craik	Mrs. W. C.	108.00
58	King Solomon	Mrs. J. R.	200.00
59	Canora	Mrs. E. L. M.	90.00
62	Melville	Bro. J. I.	108.00
64	Manitou	Mrs. A. M.	120.00
68	Govan	Mrs. G. B.	108.00
68	Govan	Mrs. K. A. H.	108.00
71	Doric	Bro. J. M.	120.00
71	Doric	Mrs. J. F.	180.00
76	Tisdale	Mrs. C. C. C.	180.00
76	Tisdale	Bro. W. H. P.	144.00
78	Tugaske	Bro. M.	180.00
80	Connaught	Mrs. L. J. S.	300.00
83	Meridian	Bro. A. J. S.	54.00
83	Meridian	Mrs. W. J.	108.00
84	Lanigan	Mrs. B.	72.00
85	Zealandia	Mrs. G. H.	216.00
92	Lodge Progress	Miss M.	240.00
94	Maryfield	Mrs. J. R.	120.00
95	Evergreen	Mrs. J. H.	240.00
95	Evergreen	Bro. W. Y.	300.00
98	Union	Bro. G. C.	182.50
99	Goose Lake	Bro. H. J. E.	54.00
99	Goose Lake	Mrs. G. A. N.	60.00
103	Composite	Mrs. F. C.	156.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. F.	180.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. W. H.	180.00
104	King Hiram	Mrs. G. H.	60.00
107	Mortlach	Mrs. M. M. F.	150.00
107	Mortlach	Mrs. A. G.	150.00
109	Limerick	Bro. A. B.	120.00
120	Ogema	Mrs. T. C.	162.00
123	Lancer	Mrs. A. M.	180.00
124	Mount Hermon	Mrs. A. J.	162.00
125	Latomia	Mrs. A. B.	96.00
128	Meyronne	Bro. W. J. H.	75.00
129	Mossbank	Bro. A. J. D.	180.00
130	Togo	Bro. A. B. M.	240.00
133	Philathea	Bro. J. R.	60.00
133	Philathea	Bro. F. C.	50.00
136	St. George	Mrs. M. D.	144.00
138	Kincaid	Mrs. E. C.	120.00
139	Riverhurst	Mrs. C.	180.00
145	Elfros	Mrs. G. H.	216.00

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145	Elfros	Mrs. M. S.	216.00
151	Viscount	Mrs. B.	108.00
153	Blaine Lake	Mrs. O. P.	300.00
177	Verwood	Mrs. E. S.	120.00
177	Verwood	Mrs. W. E. A.	10.00
182	Lonach	Mrs. L. T.	144.00
195	Pleasantdale	Bro. J. R. M.	162.00
199	Admiral	Bro. A. C. K.	180.00

In the statement of Receipts there appears an item, "Lodge Contribution \$3.50". In a comparative sense this may appear to be a small amount but you will realize its true significance when we tell you that it was voluntarily contributed by the Brethren of Admiral Lodge No. 199 situated in the heart of what has been known as the drought-stricken area and gathered together "a nickel at a time." So long as the spirit which prompted this donation lives in the hearts of our Brethren, just so long will our Masonic Lodges fill a worthy place in the life of our Province. Brethren of Admiral Lodge, we want you to know how deeply we were touched by this evidence of your real interest in the welfare of your less fortunate Brethren.

To W. Bro. J. W. Shuttlewood, President of the Masonic Service Bureau of Vancouver, to M.W. Bro. Alex. Mitchell of Edmonton, and to R.W. Bro. Roscoe C. Clark of Chicago, we owe a debt of gratitude for their kind co-operation and valuable assistance in connection with grants payable to beneficiaries in their respective cities. And to all other Brethren living outside our own Jurisdiction who have likewise assisted us, we express our sincere thanks.

In concluding this report may we be permitted to give expression to the following sentiments:—

If we have learned something of the real meaning of "Brotherly Love and Relief", then as we watch the tottering footsteps of an aged and infirm Brother, we will retrace our own footsteps backward and ever backward over the pathway along which he and we ourselves have come and find that we arrive at the North-east angle of the Lodge where we stood on the night of our initiation. And if that aged and feeble Brother is now treading that pathway without friendship, companionship or sufficient means to sustain him on the way, then we have never really understood the ceremony in that North-east angle when we were being admitted into the Masonic family and were addressd as "Entered Apprentices".

Do we see in the tear-drops of a Brother's widow only a slight outward expression of her grief and despair or do we visualize, as well, the broken heart and sorrowing soul from which those tear-drops spring? And, as a result, are our sympathies aroused and our hands quickened to benevolence—We who may be healthy, happy and prosperous—we who, perchance, may never have known such pangs of grief and loneliness as those that are rending her heart—we, who have ascended the winding stair that leads to the inner chamber! If we can remain indifferent to her need, then we have never caught the vision of the Craft nor have we any claim to the title "Fellow Crafts".

Does the plight of the orphan children of our deceased Brethren bring back to us in all its tragic fullness the sense of loss, the fear and hopeless despair of those who disinterred the body of the Master Hiram from its temporary grave? Can we remain indifferent to their plight or see them deprived of the opportunities which would

otherwise have been theirs? Will the circle of our Masonic duties drawn with both points of the compasses include within its orbit encouragement and assistance to these little ones who are being deprived of the blessing of a Mother's love and the inspiration of a Father's affectionate guidance and support? If not, then we who wear the badge and regalia of the degree have no right to be known as Master Masons.

Fraternally submitted,

N. B. WILLIAMS, President,

Report of Committee on Printing and Supplies

W. Bro. Douglas Fraser presented the report of the Committee on Printing and Supplies which, on motion of W. Bro. Douglas Fraser and V.W. Bro. E. C. Bird, was received and adopted as follows:—

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

This Committee would first express its regret that we have been deprived of the valued services of M.W. Bros. James McCauley and Dr. A. S. Gorrell—the one having removed permanently from the Jurisdiction; the other being confined to his home through serious illness. Their counsel and advice has been sorely missed. To M.W. Bro. McCauley we wish long years of happiness and usefulness in his new sphere and for M.W. Bro. Gorrell we pray speedy recovery.

Your Committee has authorized, from time to time, the purchase of the necessary supplies for Grand Lodge office. In accordance with the resolution of Grand Lodge passed at the last Communication, inserts embodying all amendments to the Constitution were printed and made available to all Lodges.

The contract for the publication of the current Proceedings was awarded to the lowest bidder after tenders had been received. The price is in advance of last year, but approximately the same as prior to 1937.

Your Committee has kept well within the estimate of expenditure as budgeted for by your Finance Committee.

Fraternally submitted,

DOUGLAS FRASER, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Masonic History

M.W. Bro. J. Orville Clarke presented the report of the Committee on Masonic History which, on motion of M.W. Bros. J. Orville Clarke and N. B. Williams, was received and adopted as follows:—

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Committee has devoted its efforts during the past year largely to the acquisition and installation of a receptacle to accommodate articles of historical interest to the Craft as authorized at the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge held in 1935.

Arrangements in this regard were finally completed with the

Masonic Temple Co. Ltd., Regina, for suitable space in the Library Room of the Regina Masonic Temple, a highly desirable location. Accordingly an oak cabinet approximately 13 feet long, 4 feet high and 4 inches deep was constructed at a cost of \$56.10 and duly installed. It has been finished to blend nicely with the oak woodwork of the room and now displays the various articles either donated or entrusted to the care of Grand Lodge. Further details of a minor nature such as placing a motto for the cabinet itself and attaching appropriate labels to its contents, requiring a small expenditure estimated at \$15.00 still require attention and your Committee recommends that the necessary authority therefor be given at this time.

The thanks of your Committee is formally extended, and it believes the Brethren of Grand Lodge will heartily concur in this sentiment, to the Regina Masonic Temple Co. Ltd. for its gracious co-operation in permitting this installation in one of the most important rooms in its building thus providing a convenient location for all concerned. Your Committee continues its appreciation to all who have evinced concern in this effort by either donating or lending for display purposes, articles of special interest to the Masonic Fraternity.

All Brethren are invited to inspect this cabinet and investigate its contents thereby acquainting themselves more satisfactorily with the progress made to date by your Committee, in the hope that such examination will not only prove pleasurable to them but also will stimulate continued and more intensive support. It is also recommended that Grand Lodge Officers at District Meetings and D.D.G.Ms. in making official visits direct the attention of the Brethren to the Grand Lodge Museum to the end that it may be built up steadily to the lasting benefit and gratification of the Craft in Saskatchewan.

The following is a complete list of documents, small articles, etc., now in the Grand Lodge Cabinet in the Library of the Masonic Temple, Regina:—

One Certificate from Union Mark Lodge, Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated November 23, 1859.

One Master Mason's Certificate from Athole Lodge No. 361, (working under the Grand Lodge of Scotland), Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated October 10, 1859. (These two Certificates were turned over by M.W. Bro. J. McGregor of Saskatoon.)

One Certificate certifying the fact that the Ark Link Degrees have been conferred by the Assembly of the Ark Link and Mark Degrees attached to Lodge No. 325 at Gibraltar under the Grand Register of Ireland on Bro. Neil Matheson, dated April 4, 1848, and

One Certificate made out in the name of Bro. Neil Matheson from Royal Standard Lodge No. 564, Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated October 2, 1854.

One Travelling Card in the name of Bro. Neil Matheson, issued by Lodge No. 325, Halifax, Nova Scotia, dated November, 1847. (These three items were turned over by R.W. Bro. J. D. Watson, Regina.)

One Founder's Jewel from Fairfax Lodge No. 3014, England, with the name of Bro. A. S. Perrin engraved thereon. This jewel was presented to the chairman of your Committee on behalf of Grand Lodge by R.W. Bro. S. J. Caught, Simpson, D.D.G.M. of District No. 16.

One Overseas Identification Card issued by Sintaluta Lodge No. 14, G.R.S., to Bro. John W. Watt.

One Grand Lodge of Ireland Master Mason's Certificate in the

name of Richard Parkins, St. John's Lodge No. 283, dated January 19, 1849.

One copy of the London Times of October 3, 1798, loaned by Bro. Roy Gilbert, Regina.

One Grand Chapter R.A.M. Certificate in the name of Jas. A. Preston, of Moira Chapter No. 7, Belleville, Ontario, dated March 18, 1861.

One Grand Lodge of England Master Mason's Certificate in the name of Jas. A. Preston, August 3, 1859.

One Master Mason's Certificate in the name of Bro. Geo. Chambers of Portobello Lodge No. 226, Grand Lodge of Scotland, dated September 16, 1819.

The Altar Bible of Morning Star Lodge No. 1396, Grand Lodge of England, loaned by Bro. H. Pollard, Regina.

One Past Master's Jewel presented to Bro. M. Norman, February 8, 1865, by Union Waterloo Lodge No. 3, Grand Lodge of England, (loaned by Bro. H. Hanks, Canora No. 59).

Two Military Medals and one Past Master's Jewel presented to W. Bro. H. T. Ayre (these are the property of and loaned by N.W.M.P. Lodge No. 11, Regina).

Gavel and Stand with description, presented by Bro. Angus Allan, Regina.

Medal commemorating the election of the Prince of Wales as Grand Master, November 24, 1790, presented by M.W. Bro. J. Orville Clarke.

Master Mason's Apron, St. John's Lodge No. 4, G.R.M.

Portrait of Bro. Charles F. Young, first W.M. of Kinistino Lodge, Prince Albert. Presented by Kinistino Lodge.

Copy of Original By-Laws of Wascana Lodge No. 23, G.R.M., and other Notices of Anniversaries, etc.

A short biographical sketch of our present M.W. Grand Master was supplied by a member of your Committee for insertion in the 1937 Proceedings of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

J. ORVILLE CLARKE, Chairman.

Report of Committee on Masonic Education

W. Bro. Douglas Fraser presented the report of the Committee on Masonic Education which, on motion of W. Bro. Douglas Fraser and R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill, was received and adopted as follows:—
To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

It is again my pleasure and privilege to present the report of your Committee on Masonic Education.

The personnel of the Committee as named by the M.W. the Grand Master appears at page 113 of the 1937 Proceedings.

This year we have reverted to purely Masonic study, choosing subjects which were adaptable to meetings devoted to some special

branch of the work distinctively designated as e.g. "Past Masters' Night"; "Patriotic Night," etc. To the Brethren who have given of their time and skill in preparing the very excellent monthly outlines, we tender our acknowledgements and we believe, the thanks of the members generally. We have been assisted by many kindly criticisms, suggestions and commendations. In keeping this work prominently before the Lodges very great assistance has been rendered by the D.D.G.Ms. We bespeak like co-operation of their successors. Experience has demonstrated that a Lodge, wherein educational work is ignored, is in grave danger of stagnation.

As usual the Assistant Grand Secretary and the office have done yeoman service in promptly and efficiently distributing the material. The real inspiration in organizing and directing the work has, as ever, been the Grand Secretary. The record will endure as a monument to his unselfish zeal in the propagation of the best and highest conception of the Masonic philosophy.

The material issued during the year is appended.

A year ago I outlined our Creed, naming as the first tenet the belief that "education is the cultivation of faith in the value of tested truth as a guide for action." The key-words in this definition are three—truth, faith, action. Masonry as truth has stood the acid test. "Our principles hold every germ of human good, the orderly development of which fulfils every honest desire." In it we believe. Our faith enables us to ascend the first, and all succeeding rounds, in our progress to the summit. That belief stimulates us to action. Masonry is not a fine spun theory—it is a task to be done.

Last summer Stanley Baldwin in "his last speech before a great audience as Prime Minister of England" epitomized the faith of democracy, and equally of Masonry, when he said:

"The torch I would hand to you, and ask you to pass from hand to hand along the pathways of Empire, is a Christian truth re-kindled anew in each ardent generation. Use men as ends, never merely as means; and live for the Brotherhood of men, which implies the Fatherhood of God. The Brotherhood of Man today is often denied and derided and called foolishness, but it is in fact one of the foolish things of the world which God has chosen to confound the wise, and the world is confounded by it daily. We may evade it, we may deny it; but we shall find no rest for our souls, nor will the world, until we acknowledge it as the ultimate wisdom."

The "Times" hailed this "fine phrase" as a "characteristic proclamation of a personal faith in freedom, the sanctity of human personality, and in the Brotherhood of Man, which implies the Fatherhood of God."

We, as Masons, proclaim our faith in the same great truth.

A modern observer has written: "Let us throw off doubt: Doubt is a form of faith, that evil is strong and must prevail. This is the modern treason. Let us put on faith in the unfailing supremacy of right—and that depends on knowledge."

"Knowledge, grounded on accuracy, aided by labour and promoted by perseverance will finally overcome all difficulties, raise ignorance from despair and establish happiness in the paths of science." What a fine message of hope for a bewildered and unhappy world. Wisdom first teaches that which is right.

For those who would aid Masonry, and equally democracy, to

survive and flourish, education, that is, the cultivation of faith in imperishable Truth, is vital.

Given a living faith "works" follow. It is not only a spur to action but a guide for action. Masonry to survive whether proscriptions, depressions or despotisms and to promote freedom, happiness and democratic principles must act: We must practise that of which we are "persuaded".

It is toward this ideal that your Committee strives—that Masons may know what is Masonic Truth; may be convinced that it is Right and may practise it as Just for the individual, the institution and the nation.

"Here will I hold. If there's a power above us (and that there is, all nature cries aloud through all her works) He must delight in Virtue and that which He delights in must be happy."—Addison.

Fraternally submitted,

DOUGLAS FRASER, Chairman.

Address

The M.W. the Grand Master called on M.W. Bro. Robt. Hawkins, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. Brother Hawkins stated that he was happy to have the honour and privilege of tendering the greetings of the Brethren of the Mother Grand Lodge. He made reference to the more hopeful appearance of our Province from an agricultural point of view as compared with one year ago when he visited our Grand Lodge at Moose Jaw and felicitated the Brethren of this Jurisdiction for the manner in which they lived up to the true traditions of Masonry under most trying conditions. He expressed his sincere appreciation for the welcome extended to him and those accompanying him and stated that he considered it a privilege to have had the opportunity of fraternizing for a brief period with the Brethren of Saskatchewan.

R.W. Bro. J. Gardner also spoke briefly thanking Grand Lodge for the hospitality extended to him as a member of Bro. Hawkins' party.

Grand Lodge was called from labour at 4.15 p.m. until 8.00 p.m.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 8.00 p.m., M.W. Bro. M. Musk, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Expressions of Sympathy

On motion of M.W. Bros. W. B. Tate and J. K. Irwin it was resolved that a telegram giving expression to the sympathy of this Grand Lodge and best wishes for a recovery to normal health be sent to M.W. Bro. A. S. Gorrell.

On motion of M.W. Bro. R. Young and R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton it was resolved that a letter expressing the sympathy of this Grand Lodge be sent to the widow and family of the late Most Worshipful Bro. L. T. McDonald.

Honourary Membership Conferred

On motion of M.W. Bros. N. B. Williams and Jas. McCauley it was unanimously resolved that W. Bro. W. E. Niblock be made an Honourary Member of this Grand Lodge with the rank of Very Worshipful Past Grand Junior Deacon as an expression of appreciation of the membership of this Jurisdiction for the many kindly acts of Masonic service performed by Bro. Niblock at Victoria, B.C., in the interests of Saskatchewan Masonry.

Motions—Consideration of

The hour having arrived for the consideration of Notices of Motion, it was moved by M.W. Bros. F. B. Reilly (2) and W. J. Smith (110):

"That Section 28, page 15, Constitution (1928 edition) be amended by adding 'when such proposed amendments come before Grand Lodge for consideration it shall be the right of Grand Lodge to further amend the Sections of which notice has been properly given, provided that such further amendments are germane to the notices sent out to the Constituent Lodges as aforesaid'." On the motion being put it was declared lost.

The following Notice of Motion was withdrawn by M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly (2):

"That Rule 66, page 92, Constitution (1928 edition) be amended by adding the following: 'In the event of such member being carried by the Lodge and no action having been taken and the member remaining in arrears at the end of the second twelve months he shall stand automatically suspended'."

The following Notice of Motion was withdrawn by M.W. Bro. F. B. Reilly (2):

"That Rule 9 respecting Benevolent Fund, page 94, Constitution (1928 edition) be amended to provide that all expenses of the administration of the Benevolent Fund be paid from the General Funds of Grand Lodge."

It was moved by W. Bros. H. H. Bamford (3) and T. Whitehead (3):

"That Section 173, page 64, Constitution (1928 edition) be deleted." On the motion being put it was declared lost.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton (186) and M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke (136):

"That Section 72, page 28, Constitution (1928 edition) be deleted and the following substituted therefor: 'The Board shall annually appoint an auditor. His duties shall be to audit the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer once each six months and report to the Chairman of the Finance Committee at the end of the first six months and not later than the first day of May each year file copies of his complete audit reports and financial statements for the financial year in the office of the Grand Secretary and with the Chairman of the Finance Committee. He shall receive such remuneration as the Board shall determine.'" On the motion being put it was declared carried.

It was moved by W. Bros. W. H. Mayhew (172) and F. C. Hayes (26):

"That Section 171, lines 5 and 6, page 64, Constitution (1928 edition) be amended by deleting the words 'unanimous vote by ballot' and substituting therefor 'a ballot taken in the same manner as for affiliation'." On the motion being put it was declared lost.

Grand Lodge was called from labour at 10.10 p.m., until 9.30 a.m., Thursday, June 16th.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 9.30 a.m., on Thursday, June 16th, M.W. Bro. M. Musk, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Grand Secretary

M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate addressed Grand Lodge as follows:

"Before the Credential Committee Report is read, may I address Grand Lodge? The time has come when I must refuse to allow my name to go on nomination as Grand Secretary. Three years ago you made an arrangement with me that has worked out fairly satisfactory, but I cannot be in the Jurisdiction sufficiently long, on account of my health, to be fair to Grand Lodge in conducting the responsibilities that the Office of Grand Secretary entails. The Grand Secretary must be on the ground, and, while I do not want to give up any of my interests in the Grand Lodge that I have been connected with since its formation, I want to be relieved of the burdens and responsibility. I hope for many years to meet you all in Annual Communication, and at the District Meetings. I hope to be able to carry on my interest in the Benevolent Fund work, a work which we should all be proud of, and in our Educational work, but to be relieved of the responsibility that must rest with the one who carries the title 'Grand Secretary'. I appreciate the treatment of this Grand Lodge beyond words; I appreciate the friendships and

contacts I have made from year to year and I am proud, when outside the Jurisdiction, to represent the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. I feel that we, as Masons, here in Saskatchewan have accomplished a wonderful work in building up this great Institution. It is my wish that my name be withdrawn from nomination for the Office of Grand Secretary."

Honourary Grand Secretary

On motion of M.W. Bros. J. K. Irwin and J. W. Estey it was resolved:

"That this Communication of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan convened in the City of Prince Albert on June 16th, A.D. 1938, A.L. 5938, having heard the expressed wish of M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, that he be not re-elected to the Office of Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, wish to assure him of their sincere appreciation of all the services he has so willingly and efficiently rendered for the past twenty-four years.

"When the call came to him in the year 1914, to assume the arduous duties of Grand Secretary of this young Jurisdiction, he answered it without delay.

"Young M.W. Bro. Tate—as he then was—gave up the work to which he had been specially called, and sent, believing that he could serve his brother men in the larger field of labour by using the many gifts and talents which had been lent to him by the Most High.

"We all know something of that faithful service he has given in season and out of season and his name will ever be held in most grateful remembrance by the Masonic World.

"He has been responsible for the building up, not only of the machinery for the better administration of the details of his own office, but has also taken a large share in everything for the up-building of Masonry in this Jurisdiction.

"His zeal in the very important branch of Masonry, known as Masonic Research, has had a lasting influence in the life of every faithful Brother Mason. His great knowledge of ritualistic work has been freely imparted to many generations of Brethren at District Meetings, and on many other occasions.

"His foresight in building up the General Fund of Grand Lodge in the good years, in accordance with Biblical custom, is worthy of the highest commendation.

"We offer our most sincere thanks to M.W. Bro. Tate for all that he has done for us and would move that he be appointed Honourary Grand Secretary, and Honourary Life Member of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund, and further that he be asked to continue his work and interest in the Educational programme—the Benevolent Fund and so far as he may desire to accompany the Grand Master upon his visits at the District Meetings, with a retiring allowance of \$100.00 per month, and earnestly pray that he, together with his partner in life, may enjoy the eventide of his days until the G.A.O.T.U. calls him to higher service in the Grand Lodge Above."

Report of Special Committee—Visits to Constituent Lodges by Grand Secretary

M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey presented the report of the Special Committee with reference to visits by the Grand Secretary to the Constituent Lodges, which on motion of M.W. Bros. J. W. Estey and N. R. Craig was received and adopted as follows:

To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M. Brethren:

The Board of General Purposes under date of June 17th, 1937, at the suggestion of the Committee on Grand Master's Address, appointed a Special Committee to prepare a report for presentation to Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication upon the possibility of our Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary making more frequent visits to Constituent Lodges thereby supplementing the work of the D.D.G.M.'s and creating a more intimate relationship between the Constituent Lodges, Grand Lodge and the office of Grand Secretary.

Your Committee submits the following:

1. That as the office of Grand Secretary is the source from which all rulings, counsel and advice are communicated to the Constituent Lodges it is desirable, in the interests of the Craft, that the contacts should be positive and intimate to the end that confidence and goodwill may at all times be maintained.
2. That each year the Grand Secretary and Assistant Grand Secretary should visit a selected group of Constituent Lodges.
3. That these Lodges be selected by the Grand Master and that the D.D.G.M. in association with the officers of each Lodge selected shall make a special effort to ensure a large attendance both of the members of the Lodge and of visiting Brethren from nearby Lodges.
4. That at each of these meetings a programme be arranged a portion of which shall be devoted to the purpose, work and activity of Grand Lodge and of the Grand Secretary's office.
5. That each year the Finance Committee be asked to budget specifically for this purpose.

Fraternally submitted,

J. W. ESTEY, Chairman.

Notices of Motion

M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke (136) gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would move or cause to be moved:

"That Section 72, page 28, Constitution (1928 edition) be amended by adding after the word 'Auditor': 'or Auditors, the status of whom shall be that of Chartered Accountant or Chartered Accountants'."

V.W. Bro. W. A. Ivers (196) gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would move or cause to be moved:

"That Section 15, page 11, Constitution (1928 edition) be amended by deleting all the words after 'City of Regina', line 3, and substi-

tuting therefor: 'and the City of Saskatoon on alternate years commencing with the City of Regina in 1939'."

R.W. Bro. J. R. Young (144) gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he would move or cause to be moved:

"That Section 40, page 18, Constitution (1928 edition) be amended by striking out the word 'without', line 8, and substituting therefor the word 'after'."

On motion of Bro. M. L. Moyer (104) and M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke (136) it was resolved: "That all notices of motion to come before the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence before they are sent to the Constituent Lodges for consideration."

Nominations—Board of General Purposes

The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for the Board of General Purposes: E. C. Bird (174), J. C. Carter (65), W. L. Clink (19), J. L. Connell (63), D. Fraser (49), A. Greaves (144), H. M. P. DeRoche (62), C. P. Seeley (60), L. S. Sifton (172), C. Stackhouse (84), F. C. Wilson (163), J. R. Young (144).

Nominations—Board of Benevolence

The Grand Secretary announced that the following Brethren had been nominated for the Board of Benevolence: J. O. Clarke (68) and R. Young (1).

Special Committee—Constitution

On motion of W. Bros. S. J. A. Branion (63) and H. H. Bamford (3) it was resolved: "That the M.W. the Grand Master appoint a special committee of three or more skilled Brethren to prepare a revision and consolidation of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, with amendments, for presentation to the next Annual Communication."

Report of Credential Committee

W. Bro. Douglas Fraser presented the report of the Credential Committee which, on motion of W. Bro. D. Fraser and V.W. Bro. W. L. Clink, was received and adopted as follows:
To the M.W. the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, A.F. & A.M.
Brethren:

Your Credential Committee beg to report as follows:

Registration of the representatives to this the 32nd Annual Communication of Grand Lodge has been a strenuous task but there has been compensating pleasure in the opportunity afforded to intimately contact every Brother here present.

We would first express our deep regret for the death of R.W. Bro. W. J. McCauley, whom we had come to look upon as almost the permanent Chairman of this Committee. His absence from his accustomed post brought poignantly home to many of you the loss Masonry sustained in his untimely passing. We also regret the circumstances which intervened to make impossible the attendance of R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, his successor as Chairman.

A statistical analysis of the record for 1938 discloses the following information:

Of the 198 Lodges on the Register 106 are represented and 92 are unrepresented, an increase of 33 unrepresented Lodges over 1937. This means that but 53½% of the Lodges are here represented. We estimate that about three-quarters of the absentees are situated in the southern half of the settled portion of the Province. Seven Lodges only have the three principal officers present as compared with 20 last year. There are in attendance 64 Worshipful Masters; 50 Wardens and 191 Past Masters, a decrease of 15, 30, and 58 respectively from the record of 1937. The total number of accredited representatives present is 305 as against 408 last year. The total vote carried by those in attendance is 508.

Fraternally submitted,

DOUGLAS FRASER, Chairman.

Election of Officers

The hour having arrived for the election of officers the Grand Master appointed M.W. Bro. J. Orville Clarke, R.W. Bros. H. E. Smith, J. N. Smith, H. S. Neely, C. S. Hewitt, G. Lythgoe; W. Bros. G. H. Glover, A. W. Heise, C. W. Walker, R. P. Fogarty, H. G. H. Gilding, J. E. Cowie, A. Greaves, scrutineers. The result of the ballot was as follows:

R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton (186)	Grand Master
R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill (110)	Deputy Grand Master
R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks (77)	Grand Senior Warden
R.W. Bro. C. P. Seeley (60)	Grand Junior Warden
R.W. Bro. A. C. Garner (154)	Grand Treasurer
V.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate (11)	Grand Secretary
V.W. Bro. T. H. Pendlebury (3)	Grand Registrar
Bro. D. MacGregor (104)	Grand Tyler

Board of General Purposes

The following Brethren were elected to the Board of General Purposes for two years: D. Fraser (49), W. L. Clink (19), J. C. Carter (65), F. C. Wilson (163), J. R. Young (144); and for one year: C. Stackhouse (84).

Board of Benevolence

The following Brethren were elected Trustees of the Benevolent Fund for the ensuing three years: J. O. Clarke (68) and R. Young (1).

Vote of Thanks

On motion of V.W. Bros. W. L. Clink and E. C. Bird it was resolved: "That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be extended to the Prince Albert Brethren for the splendid arrangements made for the comfort and pleasure of Brethren from outside points in attendance at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge."

Grand Lodge was called from labour at 11.45 a.m. until 1.45 p.m.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Grand Lodge resumed labour at 1.45 p.m., M.W. Bro. M. Musk, Grand Master, on the Throne; Grand Officers, Members and Representatives present.

Installation of Officers

All business to come before Grand Lodge having been transacted, the Grand Master requested M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate to act as Installing Officer, and the newly-elected Grand Master was duly installed. Immediately thereafter the remainder of the newly-elected Grand Officers were duly installed by M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, assisted by M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey.

The following Brethren, selected by their respective Districts, were appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master as District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year, obligated and invested:

W. Bro. J. G. Ellis, No. 1.	W. Bro. J. W. Claxton, No. 9.
W. Bro. W. O. Lampman, No. 2.	W. Bro. D. L. Rowntree, No. 10.
W. Bro. H. H. Bamford, No. 3.	W. Bro. P. H. Thomson, No. 11.
W. Bro. A. Binnie, No. 4.	W. Bro. E. H. Scarlett, No. 12.
W. Bro. J. M. Elliott, No. 5.	W. Bro. F. E. Jaenicke, No. 13.
W. Bro. H. J. Wilken, No. 6.	W. Bro. A. H. Stevens, No. 14.
W. Bro. J. B. Parnall, No. 7.	W. Bro. R. H. Chant, No. 15.
W. Bro. W. Lewis, No. 8.	W. Bro. D. Alcott, No. 16.
W. Bro. D. McMurchy, No. 17.	

The following Brethren were also appointed to office for the ensuing year by the M.W. the Grand Master, and were duly invested:

W. Bro. D. L. Dance (68)	Grand Chaplain
W. Bro. J. R. Conyers (18)	Grand Senior Deacon
W. Bro. C. A. Drummond (132)	Grand Junior Deacon
W. Bro. H. C. Hall (4)	Grand D. of C.
W. Bro. G. H. Moore (112)	Grand Supt. of Works
W. Bro. J. R. Thurlby (30)	Grand Organist
W. Bro. A. P. McLean (186)	Grand Pursuivant

Grand Stewards

W. Bro. W. Bennett (107).	W. Bro. W. A. Higgins (58).
W. Bro. J. B. Wilson (95).	W. Bro. E. A. French (180).
W. Bro. L. E. Smith (198).	W. Bro. J. R. Shepherd (75).
W. Bro. A. J. Spence (97).	W. Bro. T. Glover (179).

The Grand Director of Ceremonies proclaimed the elected and appointed officers duly installed and invested for the ensuing twelve months.

Presentation to Retiring Grand Master

M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, on behalf of Grand Lodge, presented the retiring Grand Master, M.W. Bro. M. Musk, with a suitably engraved Past Grand Master's Jewel as a token of appreciation for the splendid Masonic leadership given by Bro. Musk during the year.

Grand Lodge Closes

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, the Thirty-second Annual Communication was closed in Ample Form at 3.45 p.m.



ROBT. A. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

In Memory of

Lachlan Taylor McDonald

Past Grand Master

who died at his home in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on Thursday, April 7th, 1938, at the age of 78 years.

Most Worshipful Brother McDonald was born on a farm on the Durham Road, about twelve miles from the town of Kincardine, Bruce County, Ontario, where he spent his youth and attended public and high school. His first position was with the J. D. Sawyer Company (later Sawyer and Massey) and in 1904 he came West to Regina to open the Company's first warehouse. In 1905 he identified himself with the American-Abell Company. About four years later he became manager of the Regina Exhibition Association, occupying that position for two years, then becoming Secretary of the Regina Board of Trade until 1922 when he returned to Ontario where he was associated with the Continental Guarantee Corporation until 1932 when he retired from active business life. He served the City of Regina as alderman for the years 1908 to 1910 inclusive and was a prominent figure in its business and civic life.

As an active member of Knox Church he was very devoted and faithful serving for many years on the Board of Managers and as Chairman of the Ushering and of the Music or Choir Committees.

In 1887 he married Miss Queenie Hyslop and on Christmas Day, 1937, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Brother McDonald is survived by his widow; two sons, B. A. McDonald of New York, L. R. McDonald of Windsor, Ontario; and two daughters, Mrs. J. Russell Smith, Regina, Saskatchewan, and Miss Rita at home.

Lachlan Taylor McDonald first saw the light of Masonry in Barton Lodge No. 6, Hamilton, Ontario. On June 6th, 1905, very soon after his arrival in Regina, he affiliated with Wascana Lodge No. 23, G.R. Manitoba (now No. 2, G.R. Saskatchewan). On August 6th, 1906, as Junior Warden of Wascana Lodge he attended the organization meeting of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan and in June, 1907, the first

Annual Communication of the newly formed Grand Lodge. As Worshipful Master of Wascana Lodge he delivered an address of welcome to Grand Lodge when it met in Regina in June, 1908. He was elected a member of the Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge in June, 1909. In 1910 he was nominated by Most Worshipful Brother W. B. Tate as Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. He was elected Grand Junior Warden in 1911; Grand Senior Warden in 1912; Deputy Grand Master in 1913, and Grand Master in 1914. He served as Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of General Purposes for four years and was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund for two years. Brother McDonald was absent from only one Annual Communication of Grand Lodge from its organization until his return to Eastern Canada in 1922.

Those who were privileged to serve with him during the early years of our Grand Lodge are in a position to understand his real worth and value as a man and a Mason. The exemplary life he lived, the service he rendered as a Churchman, a Craftsman, and a Citizen, won for him the affection and esteem of all who knew him.

"Farewell to thee, my Brother."

"Leaf after leaf drops off, flower after flower,
Some in the chill, some in the warmer hour;
Alive they flourish, and alive they fall
And Earth who nourished them received them all.
Should we, her wiser sons, be less content
To sink into her lap when life is spent?"

The Masonic Funeral Service was conducted by Simcoe Lodge No. 644, G.R.C., Toronto, Ontario, of which Lodge Brother McDonald was an Honourary Member. The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario took part in the service. The remains were later laid to rest in the beautiful and historic Woodlawn Cemetery in the City of Hamilton.

As a tribute of love and affection it is ordered that this memorial be read in each Lodge of this Grand Jurisdiction at the first regular communication after its receipt, that it be spread upon the minutes, and that the Altar be draped in mourning for a period of sixty days.

MARK MUSK,
Grand Master.

Attest:
[SEAL] ROBERT A. TATE,
Grand Secretary.

In Memory
of
The Illustrious Dead
of
Sister Grand
Lodges



IN MEMORY OF
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
William McCauley
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
DISTRICT No. 3, 1920.
Died July 21st, 1937

IN MEMORY OF
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
Clifford G. Kearns
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
DISTRICT No. 11, 1926.
Died December 5th, 1937

IN MEMORY OF
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
Charles L. Riach
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
DISTRICT No. 1, 1927.
Died April 30th, 1938

IN MEMORY OF
RIGHT WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
Harry Brodie
DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTER
DISTRICT No. 3, 1937.
Died February 16th, 1938

IN MEMORY OF
VERY WORSHIPFUL BROTHER
Thomas Stevenson
GRAND STEWARD, 1930.
Died August 16th, 1937

In Memory of



No.	Lodge	Name
1.	Kinistino	Clarence A. Cathro, Percy L. Smith, Albert A. Grant, Charles L. Riach.
2.	Wascana	Hamilton MacLean, Robert N. Blackburn, James R. Cathcart, Lachlan T. McDonald.
3.	Moose Jaw	John Wellington, William McCauley.
4.	Qu'Appelle Valley	Thomas P. Hipkin.
6.	Qu'Appelle	Thomas C. Bourns, Alfred E. McRitchie.
9.	Maple Leaf	Clifford G. Kearns.
11.	N.W.M.P.	Robert Morrison.
12.	Yorkton	Francis W. Bull.
14.	Sintaluta	Arthur J. Thompson.
16.	Saskatchewan	Alfred H. Potter.
17.	Carlyle	George D. Dicken, Edward Mills, Robert J. Kirkpatrick.
18.	Melfort	Thomas J. Assaly, Francis W. Smith.
20.	Weyburn	George T. Taylor, Campbell McIntyre.
25.	Estevan	William Kinna, Emil S. Lundin, Ernest Haigh.
26.	Swift Current	Andrew McCallum, Henry J. May, James W. King, Arthur S. Moote.
28.	Hanley	Charles H. Spelling.
31.	Ionic	John A. Boyd, Thomas Mitchell, Frederick C. Kerr.
33.	Davidson	John D. Barrie.
35.	Prince Rupert	James C. Wrixon.
36.	Bruce	Wellington N. Wood.
37.	Wapella	Robert S. Lloyd.
38.	Ekapo	Charles H. Whitman, Henry A. Sewell.
42.	Caron	Joseph Getty, Frederick L. Ingalls.
47.	Cupar	Robert Rawlins, James A. Gordon.
49.	Assiniboia	Thomas G. Webber, James M. Robb, Gordon R. Perry, William J. Fraser.
50.	Golden Fleece	Glenn W. Creson.
57.	Prairie	Charles H. Martin.
59.	Canora	Robert Betts.
60.	Imperial	David Lewis, Harold S. Brown, Edward Davidson, George A. North, Wesley D. Campbell.
63.	Prince Albert	William W. Rutan, Charles W. D. Illsley, Harold A. Ware, William M. McBeath, James Finlayson.

In Memory of



No.	Lodge	Name
64.	Manitou	Herbert R. Finlay, James J. Bradburn.
67.	Eyebrow	Wesley W. Webber.
68.	Govan	Lee W. Dowd, John A. Gilroy.
70.	Cypress	Chester B. Atkin, James P. Whitham.
71.	Doric	Samuel Irwin, Ernest Broadfoot.
72.	Corinthian	Edward Troughton, Charles Hynds.
73.	Unity	Norman Ward.
75.	Harmony	Kenneth M. Rombough.
76.	Tisdale	Edgar Bock, William Graham.
81.	Tuscan	Finlay D. Murney, John H. Devine.
84.	Lanigan	Ernest J. Symons, Thomas G. Bethel.
85.	Zealandia	George E. Holmes, Sydney C. Boucher, Richie Mitchell.
87.	Wadena	Oscar Carlson.
90.	Kerrobart	Harry E. Sample.
91.	Rosetown	James G. Bjornstad, Marriott B. Douglas, James Cobban, William Jenkins.
92.	Lodge Progress	John C. Watt, Ernest Boote, William Cuthbert.
96.	Yellow Grass	William G. Houston.
97.	Radisson	Walter Simons.
100.	Biggar	James Porteous.
101.	Acacia	William J. Shaw.
102.	Invermay	Anthony Turner.
106.	St. John's	William E. Dennison.
107.	Mortlach	Clarence M. Goettler.
109.	Limerick	Stewart Smith.
110.	Shaunavon	Lewis B. Durham, Clifford Leslie.
113.	Broderick	Francis C. Lenson, John E. Vernon.
115.	Landis	Peter McKenzie, Louis C. Brouillette.
116.	Ceylon	Joseph Boal.
119.	Cabri	Jens A. Junget.
123.	Lancer	Theodore W. Minor.
124.	Mount Hermon	William C. Hunter.
125.	Latomia	Alexander Bennett.
128.	Meyronne	Charles F. Blanchard.
130.	Togo	George B. Swain.
131.	Dinston	Alfred G. Otto.
133.	Philathea	Arthur V. Brown.
136.	St. George	Harry Brodie, Sayers Bamford.
137.	Tyrian	Frederick E. Fairweather.

In Memory of



No.	Lodge	Name
138.	Kincaid	Richard C. Finley.
141.	Progressive	John Kimber.
148.	Dunblane	Albert E. Phelps.
150.	Wawota	John McCannel.
154.	Banner	Reginald C. Gauntlet.
156.	Avonlea	George C. Hawkins, Thomas H. Clay.
157.	York	Thomas Stevenson.
162.	Saltcoats	William W. McCulloch.
167.	Preeceville	William A. Gillespie.
168.	Earl Grey	John McDougall.
169.	Quill Lake	Herman Riese.
171.	Shellbrook	George B. McNight.
177.	Verwood	Frederick W. Hicks.
179.	Kelvington	George S. Hill.
180.	Herbert	Bernard J. Funk.
183.	Nipawin	George M. McKay.
193.	Mazenod	Ernest Tetlock.
196.	Lacadena	August Janssen.
198.	Colfax	Frank Batty.

OFFICERS OF GRAND LODGE

Elected at its foundation, August, 1906, and annually since.

Year	G. M.	D. G. M.	G. S. W.	G. J. W.	G. Treas.	G. Sec'y.	Gr. Regist.
1906—	H. H. Campkin	†C. O. Davidson	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*A. Sheppard	J. M. Shaw	*A. H. Smith
1907—	H. H. Campkin	†C. O. Davidson	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*A. H. Smith
1908—	†C. O. Davidson	*H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*J. McGuirl	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*H. C. Lisle
1909—	H. Jagger	W. B. Tate	*Wm. Hopkins	*J. McGuirl	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*A. C. Patterson
1910—	W. B. Tate	*Wm. Hopkins	†A. S. Gorrell	*W. B. Willoughby	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	*D. P. Kennedy
1911—	W. B. Tate	*Wm. Hopkins	†A. S. Gorrell	*W. B. Willoughby	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1912—	A. S. Gorrell	*W. B. Willoughby	*L. T. McDonald	*W. M. Thomson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1913—	A. S. Gorrell	*W. B. Willoughby	*L. T. McDonald	*W. M. Thomson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1914—	L. T. McDonald	*W. M. Thomson	*J. H. Anderson	*J. H. Anderson	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1915—	*W. M. Thomson	*J. H. Anderson	R. Young	C. Stewart	*A. Sheppard	*J. M. Shaw	F. B. Reilly
1916—	*J. H. Anderson	†J. McCauley	R. Young	N. B. Williams	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1917—	†J. McCauley	R. Young	N. B. Williams	*E. L. Elwood	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1918—	R. Young	N. B. Williams	*E. L. Elwood	†G. M. Weir	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1919—	N. B. Williams	*E. L. Elwood	†G. M. Weir	J. E. McFee	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1920—	N. B. Williams	*E. L. Elwood	†G. M. Weir	J. E. McFee	*A. Sheppard	W. B. Tate	F. B. Reilly
1921—	†G. M. Weir	*A. Sheppard	*A. Sheppard	J. W. MacNeill	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1922—	*A. Sheppard	J. W. MacNeill	*D. A. Kingsbury	*D. A. Kingsbury	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1923—	*J. W. MacNeill	*D. A. Kingsbury	†G. Swain	†G. Swain	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1924—	*J. W. MacNeill	*D. A. Kingsbury	†G. Swain	W. J. Smith	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. A. Mooney
1925—	†G. Swain	W. J. Smith	W. M. Martin	W. J. Smith	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	*J. W. Cram
1926—	W. M. Martin	W. J. Smith	W. M. Martin	J. K. Irwin	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1927—	W. J. Smith	J. K. Irwin	J. O. Clarke	J. O. Clarke	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1928—	J. K. Irwin	J. O. Clarke	C. P. Moore	C. P. Moore	F. B. Reilly	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1929—	J. O. Clarke	C. P. Moore	C. P. Moore	J. McGregor	*J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1930—	C. P. Moore	C. P. Moore	F. B. Reilly	F. B. Reilly	*J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1931—	F. B. Reilly	F. B. Reilly	N. B. Craig	N. B. Craig	*J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1932—	F. B. Reilly	N. B. Craig	*M. A. MacKay	*M. A. MacKay	*J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	J. R. Yorke
1933—	N. B. Craig	*M. A. MacKay	†T. W. Sutherland	†T. W. Sutherland	*J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	A. Johnstone
1934—	T. W. Sutherland	J. R. Yorke	†T. W. Sutherland	J. R. Yorke	*J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	A. Johnstone
1935—	J. R. Yorke	J. W. Estey	M. Musk	S. C. Burton	*J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	A. Johnstone
1936—	J. W. Estey	J. W. Estey	S. C. Burton	H. M. Underhill	*J. C. Moore	W. B. Tate	A. O. Brooks
1937—	M. Musk	H. M. Underhill	H. M. Underhill	C. P. Seeley	A. C. Garner	Robt. A. Tate	L. S. Sifton
1938—	S. C. Burton	H. M. Underhill	A. O. Brooks		A. C. Garner		T. H. Pendlebury

† Left the Jurisdiction

• Deceased

STATISTICAL TABLE—

	No. of Lodge	Membership March, 1937	Membership March, 1938	Initiated	Affiliated	Reinstated	Demitted	Suspended	Com. L. Mbrs.	Deaths	Meetings Held Regular	Meetings Held Emergency	Average Attendance
Kinistino	1	130	128	1	5		3		2	3	10	11	30
Wascana	2	233	223	1		1	1	8	1	2	10	5	33
Moose Jaw	3	309	307	3	1		4			2	10	12	45
Qu'Appelle Valley	4	36	38	2	1	1	1			1	12	2	17
Indian Head	5	85	83	1			2	1			11	2	25
Qu'Appelle	6	39	36		1		1	1		2	12	2	17
Moosomin	7	70	68		1				3		9	2	14
Ashlar	8	35	37	2							13		16
Maple Leaf	9	63	68	3	2						11	8	26
Evening Star	10	37	42	4		2			1		13		15
N. W. M. P.	11	226	229	6	10	1	6	5	2	1	10	12	51
Yorkton	12	82	69	1	1	1	10	4	2		10	1	18
Duck Lake	13	26	21				1	2	2		10	1	8
Sintaluta	14	62	62	1	1		1			1	10	2	17
Amity	15	38	35					3			10		10
Saskatchewan	16	278	277	6	4	1	2	2	7	1	10	17	48
Carlyle	17	68	54			2	2	8	1	3	9	3	13
Melfort	18	114	115	7	2	1	2	5		2	12	6	28
Battle	19	55	52	2		3	1	6	1		10	4	20
Weyburn	20	88	84	2	2		1	5		2	10		24
Arcola	21	50	48				2				7	1	10
Rosthern	22	46	43	1	1		1	3	1		12	3	17
Britannia	23	74	70	1	1		3		3		10	3	13
Wolseley	24	33	34	1	2		1			1	10		9
Estevan	25	101	96	1	1		1	2	2	2	10		35
Swift Current	26	122	119		6		3	2		4	12	2	30
Alameda	27	24	23				1				1	1	9
Hanley	28	47	42	1			1	5			12	2	13
Heward	29	34	34		1		1				7	1	10
New Hope	30	51	51	1					1		10	1	12
Ionic	31	134	136	4	4	1	1	2	2	2	11	7	37
Golden Rule	32	32	32								12	1	10
Davidson	33	74	73	2			1		1	1	10	2	20
Lang	34	38	41		3						10		11
Prince Rupert	35	64	63			1	2				10	1	20
Bruce	36	63	59				2	1		1	9		12
Wapella	37	31	30							1	8	1	10
Ekapo	38	40	42	4	2			2		2	12	2	14
Boscurvis	39	39	39	2	2		2	2			11	1	16
Rouleau	40	75	74	2	2		2	3			10		22
Drinkwater	41	57	57		1		1				11		16
Caron	42	60	61			1					12	4	22
Ishpaming	43	27	24					3			12		10
Landmark	44	74	70	1			2	3			12	2	18
Aurora	45	35	35								12	1	12
Strasbourg	46	34	33			1	2				10	1	14
Cupar	47	36	34	2			2			2	11	4	16
Grayson	48	38	38		1		1				5	1	10
Assiniboia	49	246	237	4	4		6	5	2	4	10	14	45

—CONSTITUENT LODGES

Am't Paid for Local Relief	Members 12 Months in Arrears	Total Arrearages	Cash on Hand	Assets	Liabilities	Ins. in Force	No. Visits by D.D.G.M.	Does Lodge own its own Hall?
158.99	56	711.00	1,552.43	5,000.00		2,000.00	2	No
60.00	77	940.50	109.35	14,982.85	4,153.24	300.00	1	Pt.
149.25	9	114.50	754.92	70,703.04		Full	1	Yes
75.00	11	76.00	120.75	5,120.75	38.75	3,000.00	1	Yes
49.00	20	192.00	152.05	844.05		500.00	1	No
	24	312.50	284.50	3,468.00		2,500.00	1	Yes
	36	394.00	18.03	1,316.28		1,000.00	1	No
	11	91.00	139.34	1,730.34		1,200.00	1	Yes
	28	420.00	74.00	1,500.00		1,500.00	1	No
	6	100.00	43.98	300.00		500.00	2	No
68.00	69	865.00	930.51	12,570.51	425.00	150.00	1	Pt.
	15	282.50	483.13	3,816.63	10.00	200.00	1	No
	8	84.00	32.75	1,000.00	60.00	400.00	1	No
	33	797.00	140.57	1,970.00		1,700.00	1	Pt.
	13	537.24	211.70	1,248.94		85.00	1	No
634.02	80	879.50	1,020.46	7,514.96	45.00	400.00	1	Pt.
30.00	35	463.00	3.70	913.00	8.00	450.00	1	No
36.35	58	1,210.00	619.04	3,458.00	95.00	825.00	2	No
90.00	17	172.00	109.66	874.66	69.70	500.00	1	No
	49	1,164.00	175.00	5,339.00		4,000.00	1	Pt.
	30	455.00	16.94	850.00		500.00	1	No
	9	70.00	79.67	4,600.00	1,296.65	2,900.00	1	Yes
9.00	43	802.00	191.99	4,829.00	1,424.47	2,500.00	1	Yes
3.90	18	343.00	9.98	602.98	25.00	250.00	1	No
	64	1,156.50				700.00	1	No
45.00	47	919.00	225.95	11,145.95	6,842.38	6,000.00	1	Yes
15.60	16	185.00	40.48	265.48	100.00		1	No
	18	129.00	350.52	1,425.00		800.00	1	No
	21	184.50	24.64	1,400.00	130.00	1,100.00	1	Yes
	34	338.00	165.47	750.00		200.00	1	No
223.31	59	822.95	38.03	1,182.54	432.64	250.00	1	No
	21	474.00	288.69	475.00		300.00	1	No
65.01	34	473.00	88.95	1,422.42		500.00	1	No
	25	652.00	52.49	1,984.23		500.00	1	Yes
35.23	28	362.00	53.00	4,674.33		3,500.00	1	Yes
12.00	22	237.00	140.44	377.44			1	No
	18	200.00	320.75	185.50			1	No
	14	328.00	477.07	200.00		1,500.00	1	Yes
	15	143.00	69.69	400.00		600.00	1	No
55.68	42	447.50	1,038.57	5,545.77		3,100.00	1	Yes
	38	538.00	119.51	700.00	90.00	400.00	1	No
	26	287.50	30.26	2,664.26		1,500.00	1	Yes
24.00	9	229.00	20.55	449.55	77.00	300.00	1	No
	14	126.00	24.44	4,435.44	109.00	3,300.00	1	Yes
80.00	6	320.00	40.00	500.00		400.00	1	No
	22	435.20	40.65	1,037.35	74.04	600.00	1	No
	9	201.00	305.00	3,565.00		2,250.00	1	Yes
	17	380.00	77.50	350.00	45.00	300.00	1	No
	67	1,475.86	37.05	12,894.91	2,027.13	200.00	1	Pt.

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Golden Fleece	50	46	45							1	9		10
Touchwood	51	22	22	2			1	1			8	1	8
Border	52	23	23								10	1	7
Nanatah	53	59	58	2		1	2	2			12	3	20
Buchanan	54	16	13	2	1			6			12	1	11
* Craik	55	46	48	1	1						10	7	24
Elbow View	56	25	22		1			4			9		7
Prairie	57	55	55	2	4		5	1			12		22
King Solomon	58	59	58	1				1	1		11	1	23
Canora	59	51	47	1			3			1	9		14
Imperial	60	191	183	3	1	1	3	4	2	4	10	8	36
Rocanville	61	33	29				3			1	9		12
Melville	62	96	93	2			2	2	1		11	2	31
Prince Albert	63	129	121	4	4		2	3	6	5	10	9	26
Manitou	64	75	74	1	4		4			2	10	6	
Outlook	65	54	42				5	6		1	11	2	11
Wynyard	66	57	57		1		1				12	2	13
Eye brow	67	31	28						2	1	8		9
Govan	68	52	50	2			2	1		1	10	5	26
Carrot River	69	69	72	3							12	2	18
Cypress	70	74	78	3	2					1	11	1	21
Doric	71	108	100	3			4	5			12	10	31
+ Corinthian	72	70	63	3			2	3	3	2	12	2	18
Unity	73	80	77				2			1	12	2	20
Kilwinning	74	41	42	1							12	1	17
Harmony	75	39	38							1	11	2	12
Tisdale	76	102	104	5	1	1	2	2		1	12	4	30
Abernethy	77	53	53	1					1		13	2	22
Tugaske	78	59	58					1			12	1	16
Foam Lake	79	46	47		2		1				11	1	15
Connaught	80	26	29	3	1		1				9	2	15
Tuscan	81	39	37		3		1	3		1	12	1	16
Victoria	82	60	60	1			1				10	1	11
Meridian	83	37	36					1			12	1	17
Lanigan	84	41	38			1	1	1		2	10	1	10
Zealandia	85	36	31					1	1	3	12	3	16
Kindersley	86	98	100	2	1	1	1		1		9	2	20
Wadena	87	44	48	1	4					1	12	5	17
Briercrest	88	38	34	1				4		1	12	1	13
Twin City	89	76	77	1	1	1	2				10	1	15
Kerrobert	90	79	80	4			2			1	12	2	20
Rosetown	91	100	94	4	1	2	2	6	1	4	10	4	30
Lodge Progress	92	240	241	7	2	1	6	1		2	10	25	56
Morse	93	44	41					3			11	1	10
Maryfield	94	40	41	1	1		1				12	1	14
Evergreen	95	19	18	1	1		1	2			7	1	8
Yellow Grass	96	42	40				1			1	9	2	16
Radisson	97	43	37				2		3	1	11	2	18
Union	98	36	36	1					1		10		14
Goose Lake	99	37	36						1		7		10
Biggar	100	104	109	4	2					1	12	4	33

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60.00	38	659.00	73.88	832.83	170.00		1	No
	8	111.65	124.41	450.00		450.00	1	No
	12	188.00	28.56	200.00			1	No
23.00	11	490.00	364.88	4,926.51		1,300.00	1	Yes
	3					1,000.00	1	Yes
42.00	22	173.00	254.25	3,988.65	30.00	2,100.00	1	Yes
	7	50.00	15.00	1,187.00		400.00	1	No
	12	105.00	180.00	2,000.00		1,500.00	1	Yes
45.00	10	240.00	76.84	4,352.84	1,195.00	3,000.00	1	Yes
	13	98.00	78.22	3,046.22	1,204.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
170.80	47	1,205.00	801.01	6,901.01	246.22	300.00	1	Pt.
15.00	12	224.00	38.50	350.00		150.00	1	No
	47	587.00	52.69	6,695.20	2,227.07	5,800.00	1	Yes
250.22	54	795.00	1,589.41	4,500.00		2,000.00	2	No
60.00	22	373.45	488.26	3,211.71	10.00	1,000.00	1	No
	23	907.13	100.80	1,450.00		800.00	1	Yes
79.00	12	84.00	86.69	3,800.00		1,000.00	1	No
	22	597.00	358.41	3,396.47		500.00	1	No
40.50	12	241.70	109.17	8,691.00	1,680.09	4,470.00	1	Yes
	21	520.00	26.97	4,600.00	125.00	3,000.00	1	Yes
	46	570.32	51.92	6,000.00	2,000.00	3,800.00	1	Yes
101.19	42	939.00	492.51	3,091.26	62.50	400.00	1	No
	31	406.00	223.30	1,300.00		750.00	1	No
6.90	38	596.00	11.77	600.00	125.00	250.00	1	No
	9	150.10	25.00	1,017.65		750.00	1	No
	19	477.00	125.65	400.00		300.00	1	No
184.00	8	155.75	15.86	5,000.00		3,425.00	2	Yes
	21	360.00	169.70			350.00	1	No
	23	857.00	119.30	5,000.00		1,500.00	1	Yes
	16	135.00	21.10	1,085.00		200.00	1	No
	12	324.00	168.07	700.00		350.00	1	No
	21	268.40	50.00	900.00	60.00	700.00	1	No
	29	205.00	607.46	3,500.00	67.50	2,500.00	1	Yes
16.00	13	276.00	30.57	1,800.00	35.00	1,000.00	1	Yes
14.92	17	235.00	486.38	1,626.38		500.00	1	No
12.00	8	55.00	30.32	4,980.32	110.00	3,500.00	1	Yes
	27	836.00	364.91	7,044.88		4,500.00	1	Yes
	5	151.00	108.96	1,000.00		700.00	2	No
	27	189.00	67.80	4,000.00	2,300.00	1,600.00	1	Yes
199.72	26	368.50	2,441.05	2,691.05		250.00	1	No
	25	292.00	216.61	5,051.97	229.43	1,100.00	1	Yes
4.57	21	390.00	164.90	5,500.00		3,300.00	1	Yes
330.00	78	1,074.00	490.63	11,076.14	1,740.00	2,800.00	1	Pt.
	27	867.85	177.37	5,320.00	1,945.00	4,000.00	1	Yes
	21	592.90	92.00	392.00	70.00	300.00	1	No
	3	195.00	.35	2,700.00	2,595.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
	15	200.00	107.51	507.51		200.00	1	No
49.00	16	222.50	316.12	1,373.62		250.00	1	No
30.00	14	134.00	112.00	600.00		400.00	1	No
	30	649.00	11.60	860.00	60.00	200.00	1	No
75.00	12	147.00	992.83	3,092.83		300.00	1	No

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Acacia	101	55	58	3	1					1	10	3	17
Invermay	102	22	19				3				10	2	9
Composite	103	35	35	1			1				12	1	13
✕King Hiram	104	196	193	3	1	2	3	5	1		10	7	40
Gothic	105	43	44	1	1		1				13		17
St. John's	106	62	66	2	1	3	1			1	11	2	16
Mortlach	107	54	52						1	1	11	3	19
Long Lake	108	50	52	1		1					9	3	19
Limerick	109	68	62					5		1	11	2	17
Shaunavon	110	97	95		2		1	1		2	12	1	23
Aneroid	111	58	57				1				10		15
Woodrow	112	50	51	2				1			12	3	23
Broderick	113	49	48							1	7	1	14
Central Butte	114	61	65	1		4	1				12	2	20
Landis	115	26	24			1	1	1		1	10	1	10
Ceylon	116	34	33	1			1			1	10		9
Dundurn	117	32	29				3				11		13
Paragon	118	47	48	2			1				10		13
Cabri	119	61	60	1			1			1	11	1	19
Ogema	120	51	46				4	1			10		10
Simpson	121	24	24		1		1				7	2	35
Azure	122	65	66	1	1				1		11	2	17
Lancer	123	64	63							1	7	1	12
Mount Hermon	124	60	63	3	2		1			1	12	3	28
Latomia	125	88	83	3	1		1	7		1	9	3	21
Cadillac	126	29	30	1							10		11
Birch Hills	127	41	44	2	2		1				12	3	21
Meyronne	128	46	41			1	2	3		1	11	2	15
Mossbank	129	36	35					1			11		13
Togo	130	35	32	1	1		2	2		1	12	1	18
Dinston	131	64	63		1			1		1	13	1	25
Conquest	132	48	45				1	2			12	1	12
Philathea	133	56	57	1	1					1	12	1	21
Eston	134	86	87	1	3			1			11		25
Elrose	135	46	47	1	1		1				11		19
St. George	136	167	167	4	1		3		1	1	10	3	31
Tyrian	137	25	26	1	1					1	11	1	10
Kincaid	138	76	76		1					1	10	1	16
Riverhurst	139	35	33				2				12	1	11
Sceptre	140	35	35	1				1			12	1	17
Progressive	141	53	51				1			1	10	1	14
Leader	142	61	61			1		1			11	1	10
Hawarden	143	35	34	1				2			12	1	13
Victory	144	166	169	6	1	2	3	3			10	13	23
Elfros	145	29	29	1			1				11		15
Asquith	146	32	31					1			12	1	12
Elstow	147	49	50	1	1	1	2				10	3	17
Dunblane	148	41	32				1	7		1	9		10
Loverna	149	30	30										
Wawota	150	36	35							1	8	2	10

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10.00	32	x 512.00	315.53	5,000.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
49.00	4	52.00	343.56	3,095.56		1,200.00	1	Yes
28.00	14	234.00	131.00	685.00	26.00	450.00	2	No
124.80	72	725.50	112.04	10,899.34	388.21	300.00	1	Pt.
	12	201.00	115.79	3,356.90		2,400.00	1	Yes
5.00	19	324.00	60.40	1,630.40	2.03	250.00	2	No
25.00	2	35.00	100.03	2,366.58		320.00	1	No
	29	390.00	87.17	3,500.00		2,110.00		Yes
	13	410.00	20.00	1,000.00	33.50	600.00	1	No
25.00	50	+ 975.00	1,179.96	7,338.07	15.47	1,000.00	1	Yes
	29	180.00	586.17	1,200.00		400.00	1	No
15.00	35	300.00	454.90	531.00		350.00	2	No
16.65	20	257.50		2,691.51	6.41	1,450.00	1	Yes
	39	525.50	219.79	3,500.00	150.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
30.00	3	18.00	194.20	500.00		300.00	1	No
	24	350.00	270.00	1,320.00		1,200.00	1	Pt.
	19	289.50	54.94	425.00		225.00	1	No
	32	666.00	122.00	800.00		300.00	1	No
	17	134.00	507.77	1,743.72		500.00	1	No
18.60	34	1,100.50	36.88	3,437.38	880.00	2,250.00	1	Yes
15.58	11	137.00	33.00	420.54	18.00	200.00	1	No
	27	743.50	78.60	9,000.00		3,100.00	1	Yes
24.00	34	234.00	3.75	2,000.00	32.00	1,200.00	1	Yes
22.00			113.50	3,800.00	77.22	300.00	1	No
78.50	47	882.50	37.50	4,919.00	89.00	4,000.00	1	Pt.
	10	175.00	326.47	1,591.47	209.50	200.00	1	Pt.
	14	243.00	141.98	1,235.00		200.00	1	No
	17	102.00	200.78	460.00		150.00	2	No
	10	100.00	114.90	3,435.13	1,420.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
	1		34.97	1,435.23	175.00	800.00	1	Yes
	27	x 389.50	77.00	2,666.50	400.00	2,150.00	1	Yes
	29	604.85	233.58	1,088.43		400.00	1	No
60.00	26	- 290.00	45.00	480.00	22.00	2,800.00	1	Yes
	11	110.60	306.50	7,638.07	920.65	10,800.00	1	Yes
	35	y 450.00	6.49	2,500.00	1,500.00	2,000.00	1	Yes
36.00	56	394.00	449.89	3,161.64	558.82	200.00	1	No
8.50	13	308.00	4.94	1,300.00	334.18	800.00	1	Yes
	30	230.00	684.70	866.00		250.00	1	No
	5	33.05	105.78	1,820.88	105.00	1,750.00	1	Yes
	17	215.00	33.13	3,768.13	2,480.59	3,300.00	1	Yes
38.00	26	400.00	173.65	1,000.00		800.00	1	No
30.00	38	1,287.00	699.36	8,756.86		4,500.00	1	Yes
	10	154.15	142.85	2,200.00	1,600.00	1,800.00	1	Yes
372.73	52	569.00	110.00	2,192.04	353.90	600.00	1	Pt.
	11	144.00	66.80	2,520.75		250.00	2	No
	12	105.00	80.20	845.20		300.00	1	No
185.00	18	502.00	347.50	1,149.50		450.00	1	No
	15	136.00	6.19	2,342.19		925.00	1	Yes
	27	x 730.88	224.07	1,230.88		400.00	1	No

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20.00	10	50.00	26.80	2,206.00	8.93	1,900.00	2	Yes
	29	290.00	597.75	3,197.75		2,000.00	2	Yes
	127	2,044.50	1,612.89	15,392.39		175.00	1	Pt.
	5	65.00	113.00	250.00		150.00	1	No
2.00	40	1,161.95	14.01	4,109.00	4,000.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
	8	224.00				350.00	1	No
10.00	37	400.00	218.02	3,118.00		1,800.00	2	Yes
	12	255.00	96.63	601.63		250.00	1	No
	6	61.00	83.00	300.00		125.00	1	No
			259.63	1,600.00		1,600.00	1	Yes
	25	125.00	130.74	500.00		400.00	1	No
	11	245.25	6.54	4,905.19	2,815.00	3,500.00	1	Yes
	14	118.00	494.21	450.00		300.00	1	No
25.00	8	138.00	142.14	680.14		400.00	1	No
	10	184.00	191.33	1,442.00	324.00	1,400.00	1	Yes
	7	178.00	10.18	1,500.00	455.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
	9	120.00	210.28	2,200.00		400.00	1	No
	16	378.75	8.00	3,500.00	400.00	1,000.00	1	Yes
6.00	12	230.90	17.72	1,500.00		1,000.00	1	No
60.00	18	475.00		1,916.29	417.63	300.00	1	No
	12	340.00	179.50	779.50	170.00	250.00	2	No
	75	1,418.50	1.75	11,429.75	7,249.15	350.00	1	Pt.
	24	406.00	308.33	1,014.33		300.00	2	No
	15	225.00	64.00	2,135.00		1,500.00	1	Yes
	38	703.00	495.00	2,241.95	35.90	750.00	1	No
55.00	19	580.00	2.85	2,021.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
	13	109.00	194.07	535.00	37.50	500.00	3	No
	23	138.00	129.28	500.00		300.00	1	No
	12	200.00	66.69	2,500.00	1,000.00	1,650.00	1	Yes
36.00	2	60.00	45.11	2,000.00	420.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
13.50	9	190.00	765.89	1,100.00		600.00	1	No
	12	162.50	6.43	943.18		300.00	1	No
36.00	11	230.00		564.00		200.00	1	No
	37	907.00	212.39	11,119.39	5,228.40	200.00	1	Pt.
93.80	8	160.00	88.05	1,450.00		240.00	1	No
10.00	17	378.00	30.93	500.00		200.00	1	No
	8	98.00	182.48	500.00		400.00	1	No
	11	125.00	331.18	500.00		200.00	1	No
	2	80.00	75.00	475.00	50.00	300.00	1	No
	4	30.00	293.00	3,900.00	500.00	2,500.00	1	Yes
			217.40	1,500.00		1,200.00	1	Yes
	13	314.00	65.79	500.00		250.00	1	No
4.50	7	110.00	154.44	764.44	25.00	300.00	1	No
			95.62	477.85		240.00	1	No
	4	32.00	210.06	1,000.00		600.00	1	Yes
	16	196.00	48.00	1,744.00	300.00	1,500.00	1	Yes
26.40	8	210.00	16.40	2,226.40	346.32	1,430.00	2	Yes
	3	32.00	293.72	593.72			1	No

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

<i>To Sask.</i>		<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>From Sask.</i>	
F. T. Fraser	Tisdale	Alabama	J. D. Pruett	Boaz
A. A. Wilson	Saskatoon	Alberta	W. J. Botterill	Red Deer
S. C. Burton	Regina	Arizona	J. K. Chilton	Clifton
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Robt. A. Tate	Regina	Br. Columbia	H. B. Morley	Penticton
A. S. Gorrell	Regina	Canada in Ont.	E. G. Dixon	Hamilton
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G. Swain	Saskatoon	Nevada	F. H. Norcross	Car'n City
		New Brunsw'k	C. Dickason	St. John
		New Hampsh'e	J. J. Tilton	Effing
G. G. Grant	Regina	New Jersey	F. L. Silver	Philadelphia
T. H. Pendlebury	M. Jaw	New Mexico	M. D. Gibbs	Roy
W. S. Cooper	Rosetown	N. S. Wales	C. C. Paterson	Sydney
J. Wilkinson	Govan	New York	Max Z. Stein	New York
F. B. Reilly	Regina	New Zealand	J. D. Webster	Auckland
A. M. Bell	Adanac	N. Carolina	H. A. Hewell	Henderson
J. R. Yorke	Regina	N. Dakota	P. O. Sathre	Bismarck
N. R. Craig	Moose Jaw	Nova Scotia	J. S. Smiley	Amherst
A. C. Garner	Regina	Ohio	C. E. Norris	Canton
		Oklahoma	B. Herstein	Idabel
J. K. Irwin	Regina	Oregon	E. E. Rosebraugh	Prescott
R. E. Johnson	Meyronne	Paraiba	J. C. C. Nobrega	J. Pessoa
W. E. Jennings	Limerick	Ph. Islands	Vin. Orosa	Cabanatuan
J. W. MacNeill	N. Battleford	P. E. Island	Wm. McLean	Kensington

<i>To Sask.</i>		<i>Jurisdiction</i>	<i>From Sask.</i>	
H. M. Underhill	Shaunavon	Porto Rico	R. R. Pabon	San Juan
J. A. Mooney	Regina	Quebec	G. S. Burrows	St. Lambert
		Queensland	F. Holland	Brisbane
Loy S. Sifton	Regina	Rhode Island	J. C. Collins	Providence
J. E. Rodney	Kerrobert	Rio de Janeiro	A. C. DaMotta	Rio de Jan.
R. Young	Prince Albert	Scotland	John Garrick	Edinburgh
E. Mitchell	Sintaluta	S. Australia	M. C. Moore	Adelaide
J. C. Carter	Outlook	S. Carolina	J. E. Hart	York
F. C. Wilson	Regina	S. Dakota	E. M. Westby	Madison
J. McGregor	Saskatoon	Tennessee	B. T. Dawkins	Memphis
A. G. McLean	Raymore	Texas	A. J. Gilchrist	Jacksonville
F. A. Dunk	Regina	Utah	N. R. Vote	Salt Lake City
J. N. Smith	Prince Albert	Vermont	J. C. Thomas	Orwell
C. M. Wilson	Regina	Victoria	R. G. Ball	Melbourne
		Virginia	J. L. Brown	Lynchburg
A. O. Brooks	Abernethy	Washington	J. M. Roberts	Tacoma
E. C. Bird	Regina	W. Australia	Ven. Arch. Moore	Perth
F. B. O'Neil	Langham	W. Virginia	T. G. Strickler	Ellenboro
F. M. Hodson	Rosthern	Wisconsin	C. Kummer	Sheboygan

GRAND SECRETARIES

Alabama	Guy T. Smith	Montgomery
Alberta	J. H. W. S. Kemmis	Calgary
Arizona	H. A. Drachman	Tucson
Arkansas	W. A. Thomas	Little Rock
British Columbia	Frank S. McKee	Vancouver
California	John Whicher	San Francisco
Canada in Ontario	E. G. Dixon	Hamilton
Chile	A. E. Palmar	Casilla No. 2867, Santiago
Colorado	C. A. Patton	Denver
Connecticut	Winthrop Buck	Hartford
Cuba	L. M. Reyes	La Habana, 72
Delaware	J. F. Robinson	Wilmington
District of Columbia	J. Claude Keiper	Washington
England	S. A. White	London, W.C. 2
Florida	Geo. W. Huff	Jacksonville
France	W. J. Coombes	Paris IX, Rue de Rochechouart
Georgia	F. F. Baker	Macon
Guatemala	Dr. Jose Maria Lima	Guatemala
Idaho	C. F. Pike	Boise
Illinois	Richard C. Davenport	Harrisburg
Indiana	W. H. Swintz	Indianapolis
Iowa	Charles C. Hunt	Cedar Rapids
Ireland	H. C. Shellard	Dublin
Kansas	E. F. Strain	Topeka
Kentucky	Alpheus E. Orton	Louisville
Lessing Three Rings	O. L. Friedler	Prague
Louisiana	D. P. Laguens	New Orleans
Maine	C. E. Leach	Portland
Manitoba	J. H. G. Russell	Winnipeg
Maryland	Harry C. Mueller	Baltimore
Massachusetts	F. W. Hamilton	Boston
Mexico (York)	F. T. Berger	Box 1986, Mexico City

Michigan	F. Homer Newton	Grand Rapids
Minnesota	John H. Anderson	St. Paul
Mississippi	E. L. Faucette	Meridian
Missouri	Arthur Mather	St. Louis
Montana	L. T. Hauberg	Helena
Nebraska	L. E. Smith	Omaha
Nevada	E. C. Peterson	Carson City
New Brunswick	R. D. Magee	Saint John
New Hampshire	J. M. Dresser	Concord
New Jersey	Isaac Cherry	Trenton
New Mexico	Alpheus A. Keen	Albuquerque
New South Wales	David Cunningham	Sydney
New York	Charles H. Johnson	New York
New Zealand	H. A. Lamb	Box 562, Dunedin
North Carolina	John H. Anderson	Raleigh
North Dakota	Walter L. Stockwell	Fargo
Nova Scotia	James C. Jones	Halifax
Ohio	H. S. Johnson	Cincinnati
Oklahoma	C. A. Sturgeon	Guthrie
Oregon	D. Rufus Cheney	Portland
Paraiba	J. C. C. Nobrega	128, Joao Pessoa
Pennsylvania	H. N. Rust	Philadelphia
Philippine Islands	T. M. Kalaw	Box 990, Manila, P.I.
Porto Rico	R. Ramirez-Pabon	Rio Piedras, P.R.
Prince Edward Island	Charles M. Williams	Box 112, Charlottetown
Quebec	W. W. Williamson	Montreal
Queensland	L. P. Marks	Box 675, Brisbane
Rhode Island	H. L. McAuslan	Providence
Rio de Janeiro	D. C. Trindade	Rua do Carmo, Rio de Janeiro
Scotland	T. G. Winning	Edinburgh
South Australia	R. Owen Fox	Adelaide
South Carolina	O. F. Hart	Columbia
South Dakota	W. D. Swain	Sioux Falls
Tasmania	W. H. Strutt	Hobart
Tennessee	T. E. Doss	Nashville
Texas	G. H. Belev	Waco
Utah	Sam H. Goodwin	Salt Lake City
Vermont	A. S. Harriman	Burlington
Victoria	W. Stewart	Melbourne
Virginia	James M. Clift	Richmond
Washington	Horace W. Tyler	Tacoma
Western Australia	A. E. Jensen	Perth
West Virginia	I. W. Coffman	Charleston
Wisconsin	William F. Weiler	Milwaukee
Wyoming	J. M. Lowndes	Casper

LODGE DIRECTORY

Lodges marked with an (*) install on anniversary of St. John the Baptist. All other Lodges install on anniversary of St. John the Evangelist.

For location and date of meeting see District Directory following:

No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Dist. No.
1	Kinistino	L. Ross Whitmore	W. E. Bristowe	1
2	Wascana	H. C. M. Brown	H. Willsmer	2
3	Moose Jaw	G. A. Stirk	T. H. Pendlebury	3

No.	Lodge	Master	Secretary	Dist. No.
4	Qu'Appelle Valley	W. S. Reekie	E. B. Saunders	4
5	Indian Head	J. G. Davidson	P. R. Boone	4
6	Qu'Appelle	G. E. Cameron	A. E. Nicholls	4
7	Moosomin	Thomas Lawson	R. J. M. Young	9
8	Ashlar	D. L. O'Brien	R. A. Buchan	9
9	Maple Leaf	O. Vadakin	A. Currie	11
10	Evening Star	E. E. Thomlinson	A. H. Patterson	9
11	N.W.M.P.	R. P. Fogarty	Robt. A. Tate	2
12	Yorkton	T. E. Cavanagh	A. M. Ronald	10
13	Duck Lake	M. L. Hock	H. F. Anderson	1
14	*Sintaluta	G. D. Fairman	E. B. Cumming	4
15	Amity	J. H. Forsyth	J. S. Campbell	8
16	Saskatchewan	H. G. H. Gilding	E. J. Shaver	5
17	*Carlyle	G. R. Andrew	Frank Mills	8
18	Melfort	L. Humeston	E. E. Robinson	1
19	Battle	B. B. Bridges	G. L. Ward	7
20	Weyburn	C. H. Stuart	Geo. Lythgoe	6
21	*Arcola			8
22	Rosthern	Wm. Stuart	E. St. G. Hodson	1
23	Britannia	T. C. Taylor	R. E. Stevenson	7
24	*Wolseley	Geo. E. Bennett	T. W. Tiller	4
25	Estevan	Robt. Coxen	W. H. S. Glew	8
26	Swift Current	F. C. Hayes	C. Thoreson	11
27	Alameda	H. H. Galloway	J. P. Gordon	8
28	Hanley	Geo. Gregg	W. R. Bradley	5
29	*Heward	F. W. Davis	Fred Wiley	8
30	*New Hope	A. Burdett	H. I. Shaw	8
31	Ionic	H. R. Wilford	I. A. Lawrence	7
32	Golden Rule	J. A. Chapman	H. W. Haylor	2
33	Davidson	M. Herman	M. W. Coxworth	5
34	*Lang			6
35	Prince Rupert		Robt. J. Spurgeon	15
36	Bruce	A. H. Maguire	K. H. Whitney	6
37	Wapella	F. E. McAlpin	J. C. Tocher	9
38	Ekapo	J. P. Goodman	P. G. Fellows	9
39	Boscurvis	W. L. Morrish	A. L. Moir	8
40	Rouleau	J. W. Archibald	H. S. Craig	2
41	Drinkwater	R. H. Murray	W. L. Woodger	2
42	Caron	J. E. Jeary	W. F. Thomson	3
43	Ishpaming	E. S. Humphreys	W. F. Rhymes	5
44	Landmark	F. B. Milne	J. H. Moore	7
45	*Aurora	Wm. Swanson	R. W. Mercer	10
46	*Strasbourg	W. A. Richardson	C. H. Chapin	16
47	*Cupar			4
48	Grayson	R. L. Penny	F. L. Treece	9
49	Assiniboia	F. A. Williamson	L. G. Geernaert	2
50	*Golden Fleece			6
51	Touchwood	M. S. Feader	E. J. Medland	16
52	Border	C. A. Brown	W. H. Coney	8
53	Nanatah	E. Greenfield	T. M. Vaughan	4
54	*Buchanan	A. E. Hermanson	P. H. Jones	10
55	Craik	Wm. M. Gilmour	E. H. Insull	2
56	*Elbow View	J. D. McNair	N. Ganes	17
57	Prairie	Roy E. Moore	J. R. MacDonald	13
58	King Solomon	J. T. H. Parkinson	H. W. Pearce	10
59	*Canora	W. H. Blakely	M. Hampshire	10

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60	Imperial	J. E. Cowie	W. E. Winterton	5
61	*Rocanville	W. T. Fallis	R. G. Rook	9
62	Melville	H. W. Freid	Chas. McCloy	10
63	Prince Albert	C. E. Musk	W. O. L. Davies	1
64	Manitou	T. R. Strachan	D. Fotheringham	16
65	Outlook	H. J. Smart	J. C. Carter	17
66	*Wynyard	J. A. Blakely	H. Gorick	15
67	*Eyebrow	A. I. Lerner	J. M. Hainer	3
68	Govan	E. Lekness	J. Orville Clarke	16
69	*Carrot River	F. Arn	R. J. M. Humphrey	1
70	Cypress	J. F. Taylor	H. Freeland	11
71	Doric	J. Newton	W. C. Paterson	3
72	Corinthian	I. M. Laidley	W. L. Whitmore	2
73	*Unity	N. F. Leach	J. P. Fawcett	13
74	*Kilwinning	O. A. Bentley	A. M. Bell	13
75	*Harmony	T. D. Bennett	J. R. Shepherd	13
76	Tisdale	C. E. Leslie	J. F. Wheten	1
77	*Abernethy			4
78	Tugaske	E. G. Colwell	T. W. Russell	3
79	*Foam Lake	J. Pendlebury	S. F. Knobel	15
80	Connaught	H. Moffat	W. C. McArton	9
81	Tuscan	E. P. Congdon	C. Simpson	16
82	*Victoria	W. S. Myers	B. L. Agate	12
83	Meridian	F. B. Tessman	A. Mitchell	13
84	*Lanigan	G. M. McConnell	C. Stackhouse	15
85	*Zealandia	A. Hicks	A. S. Worthen	12
86	Kindersley	J. F. Gibbings	L. P. Kincaid	12
87	*Wadena	C. R. McDougall	G. F. Gillespie	15
88	Briercrest	J. F. M. West	C. M. Jaques	3
89	Twin City	J. Gentles	J. T. McOrmond	5
90	*KerRobert	F. R. Smith	A. K. Murdoch	13
91	*Rosetown	W. Richardson	E. H. Moffatt	12
92	Lodge Progress	J. Mackie	A. Turnbull	5
93	*Morse			11
94	*Maryfield			9
95	*Evergreen	John Hancock	J. B. Wilson	5
96	Yellow Grass	J. A. Johnstone	P. C. Hill	6
97	*Radisson	C. J. Nelson	A. M. Scott	7
98	*Union	W. G. Reeme	D. Alcott	16
99	*Goose Lake			5
100	Biggar	H. P. Dunbar	Frank Hopkins	13
101	Acacia	G. P. Dahl	A. C. Bowes	16
102	Invermay	A. J. Moore	A. E. Bergstrom	15
103	Composite	D. Isman	J. J. Page	9
104	King Hiram	W. B. Chinn	C. L. Smith	2
105	Gothic	H. Whittaker	F. E. Jaenicke	13
106	St. John's	G. H. W. Glover	R. Maze	14
107	*Mortlach	P. H. Rudeen	W. Clark	3
108	Long Lake	A. T. Pryor	J. J. Martin	16
109	Limerick	A. McRae	H. J. Gordon	14
110	Shaunavon	H. R. Robinson	F. G. Horsey	14
111	Aneroid	D. M. Johnston	J. M. Elliott	14
112	*Woodrow	G. G. Chambers	E. R. Ridgway	14
113	*Broderick			17
114	*Central Butte	R. McCammon	E. M. Hemsworth	3
115	Landis	A. Huxley	N. R. Sloan	13

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116	Ceylon	E. R. Davis	P. W. Westlake	6
117	Dundurn	J. E. Braithwaite	W. H. Cooper	5
118	*Paragon			13
119	Cabri	D. H. Joss	F. S. Millard	11
120	Ogema	H. E. Mead	A. E. J. Hill	6
121	*Simpson	E. C. Howie	S. J. Caught	16
122	Azure	O. B. Larson	R. R. Blissett	14
123	Lancer	F. E. Deford	J. W. A. Solley	11
124	Mount Hermon	G. G. Graham	Jno. Mitchell	11
125	Latomia	A. J. Ring	E. H. Phillips	6
126	Cadillac	L. H. Bradley	F. L. Christiani	14
127	*Birch Hills	N. B. Dahl	W. R. A. Orton	1
128	*Meyronne	A. McCaslin	W. G. Conlan	14
129	*Mossbank	A. C. Love	E. L. Howden	3
130	Togo	J. Jira	Jas. Gawley	10
131	*Dinston			17
132	*Conquest			17
133	Philathea	J. Y. Clark	H. E. Smith	16
134	Eston	C. T. McKinnon	R. Parker	12
135	*Elrose	J. H. Ripley	S. Henning	12
136	St. George	M. R. Ballard	T. W. McPhail	3
137	*Tyrian	R. Millman	D. Marr	7
138	*Kincaid	M. O. Pascoe	Chas. P. Lee	14
139	*Riverhurst	T. A. Blockey	D. B. Annis	17
140	Sceptre	J. W. Spurr	H. M. Gracie	11
141	Progressive	C. M. Wells	D. A. Ketchin	11
142	*Leader	H. A. Dowler	G. MacDonald	11
143	*Hawarden	C. R. Asay	E. A. Hudson	17
144	Victory	T. Guest	R. W. Lindsay	5
145	*Elfros	G. H. Chitty	A. H. Briggs	15
146	*Asquith	S. M. Turriff	F. G. Gregory	5
147	*Elstow			5
148	*Dunblane	E. J. Whiteside	A. H. Cook	17
149	Loverna	J. P. Findlay	W. H. Brown	13
150	*Wawota			9
151	Viscount	D. P. Morris	W. G. Meen	15
152	Star City	L. J. Stead	J. P. Crow	1
154	Banner	C. Mead	W. G. Manchester	2
155	*Raymore	S. Dudley	J. Nottingham	16
156	Avonlea	C. I. King	W. C. Arthur	3
157	*York			10
158	Borden	H. S. Foster	O. Brand	7
160	*Cut Knife			7
161	Welwyn	J. Richards	G. R. Tucker	9
162	Saltcoats	E. A. Branion	J. W. Kennedy	10
163	*Fillmore	W. O. Turnbull	S. A. Cline	8
164	Milestone	M. R. VanVelzer	J. T. Reid	2
165	St. Luke's	John MacPhee	D. M. McIntosh	13
166	*Wakaw	H. E. Stout	P. J. Smith	1
167	*Preeceville	G. R. Blackmore	G. E. Hickling	10
168	*Earl Grey	J. J. Jordin	Robt. Shaw	4
169	*Quill Lake	C. D. Foster	W. L. MacKenzie	15
170	*Sharon	G. C. Broome	D. S. Fraser	3
171	*Shellbrook	W. A. J. Beaven	W. P. Totzke	1
172	Memorial	W. H. Mayhew	Robt. Mayes	3
173	Lakeview	O. B. Major	G. H. Johnson	5

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174	St. Andrews	H. S. Maxwell	T. Temple	2
175	Radville	H. Watson	McG. Wilkinson	6
176	*Gray	R. E. Miller	A. E. Staton	2
177	*Verwood	W. Gosselin	W. S. Nevill	14
178	*Norquay	C. F. Heming	E. L. Treasure	10
179	Kelvington	P. J. Fraser	B. F. Ralls	15
180	*Herbert			11
181	*Tuberoise	I. H. Pittman	N. J. Harper	12
182	*Lonach	T. R. Hubbard	E. Mason	7
183	Nipawin	J. F. Green	Geo. Grieve	1
184	Osage	B. Simpson	J. W. Cooper	6
185	*Loyalty	R. Clark	J. Birse	7
186	*Emulation	J. S. White	W. A. Silverthorn	2
187	*Lucky Lake			17
188	*Glenedyth			14
189	Herschel	O. J. Turl	L. C. Edy	12
190	*Turtleford	D. Duff	W. Lally	7
191	*Macrorie			17
192	*Sovereign	John Leith	W. H. Waite	17
193	*Mazenod	G. H. Dunlop	J. J. Bell	3
194	Vanguard		W. Murray May	14
195	Pleasantdale	Jas. A. Young	S. B. Shields	1
196	*Lacadena	R. J. Slotzhauer	S. W. Burt	12
197	*Chaplin	W. R. Ball	G. Pinder	3
198	Colfax	R. D. Crain	Wm. Innes	6
199	Admiral	P. J. Peterson	T. Wattum	14
200	Hudson Bay	D. Thomson	H. MacKinnon	10

DISTRICT DIRECTORY

DISTRICT No. 1—D.D.G.M., J. G. ELLIS, KINISTINO.

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
1	Kinistino	Prince Albert	1st Friday
13	Duck Lake	Duck Lake	2nd Wednesday
18	Melfort	Melfort	Tuesday on or before
22	Rosthern	Rosthern	3rd Wednesday
63	Prince Albert	Prince Albert	2nd Friday
69	Carrot River	Kinistino	Monday on or before
76	Tisdale	Tisdale	Wednesday on or before
127	Birch Hills	Birch Hills	Wednesday on or after
152	Star City	Star City	Thursday on or before
166	Wakaw	Wakaw	Thursday on or before
171	Shellbrook	Shellbrook	1st Tuesday
183	Nipawin	Nipawin	2nd Thursday
195	Pleasantdale	Pleasantdale	Thursday on or before

DISTRICT No. 2—D.D.G.M., W. O. LAMPMAN, DRINKWATER

2	Wascana	Regina	1st Tuesday
11	N.W.M.P.	Regina	3rd Tuesday
32	Golden Rule	Pense	Thursday on or before
40	Rouleau	Rouleau	2nd Tuesday
41	Drinkwater	Drinkwater	Thursday on or before
49	Assiniboia	Regina	3rd Friday
55	Craik	Craik	Wednesday on or before
72	Corinthian	Lumsden	Friday on or before

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
104	King Hiram	Regina	2nd Tuesday
154	Banner	Regina	3rd Monday
164	Milestone	Milestone	1st Thursday
174	St. Andrews	Regina	3rd Wednesday
176	Gray	Gray	1st Tuesday
186	Emulation	Regina	4th Thursday
DISTRICT No. 3—D.D.G.M., H. H. BAMFORD, MOOSE JAW.			
3	Moose Jaw	Moose Jaw	2nd Tuesday
42	Caron	Caron	2nd Thursday
67	Eyebrow	Eyebrow	1st Wednesday
71	Doric	Moose Jaw	1st Wednesday
78	Tugaske	Tugaske	Monday on or before
88	Briercrest	Briercrest	3rd Wednesday
107	Mortlach	Mortlach	Tuesday on or before
114	Central Butte	Central Butte	3rd Monday
129	Mossbank	Mossbank	Wednesday on or before
136	St. George	Moose Jaw	3rd Friday
156	Avonlea	Avonlea	2nd Thursday
170	Sharon	Bateman	Monday on or before
172	Memorial	Moose Jaw	2nd Thursday
193	Mazenod	Mazenod	Thursday on or after
197	Chaplin	Chaplin	2nd Monday
DISTRICT No. 4—D.D.G.M., A. BINNIE, CRAVEN.			
4	Qu'Appelle Valley	Fort Qu'Appelle	Last Tuesday
5	Indian Head	Indian Head	Thursday on or before
6	Qu'Appelle	Qu'Appelle	Tuesday on or before
14	Sintaluta	Sintaluta	Tuesday on or before
24	Wolseley	Wolseley	3rd Wednesday
47	Cupar	Cupar	Tuesday on or before
53	Nanatah	Balcarres	Monday on or after
77	Abernethy	Abernethy	Friday on or before
168	Earl Grey	Earl Grey	Wednesday on or before
DISTRICT No. 5—D.D.G.M., J. M. ELLIOTT, CLAVET.			
16	Saskatchewan	Saskatoon	1st Tuesday
28	Hanley	Hanley	Thursday on or before
33	Davidson	Davidson	Thursday on or before
43	Ishpaming	Langham	Wednesday on or before
60	Imperial	Saskatoon	2nd Wednesday
89	Twin City	Sutherland	2nd Monday
92	Lodge Progress	Saskatoon	1st Thursday
95	Evergreen	Harris	Wednesday on or before
99	Goose Lake	Delisle	Monday on or before
117	Dundurn	Dundurn	3rd Wednesday
144	Victory	Saskatoon	2nd Saturday
146	Asquith	Asquith	Friday on or before
147	Elstow	Elstow	Thursday on or before
173	Lakeview	Tessier	1st Wednesday
DISTRICT No. 6—D.D.G.M., H. J. WILKEN, YELLOW GRASS.			
20	Weyburn	Weyburn	1st Monday
34	Lang	Lang	1st Monday
36	Bruce	Francis	1st Tuesday
50	Golden Fleece	Halbrite	Monday on or after
96	Yellow Grass	Yellow Grass	Wednesday on or before
116	Ceylon	Ceylon	2nd Wednesday

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
120	Ogema	Ogema	2nd Monday
125	Latomia	Weyburn	2nd Monday
175	Radville	Radville	2nd Thursday
184	Osage	Osage	Wednesday on or before
198	Colfax	Colfax	2nd Thursday

DISTRICT No. 7—D.D.G.M., J. B. PARNALL, WYCOLLAR.

19	Battle	Battleford	1st Thursday
23	Britannia	Lloydminster	Wednesday on or after
31	Ionic	North Battleford	2nd Wednesday
44	Landmark	Lashburn	Thursday on or before
97	Radisson	Radisson	Tuesday on or after
137	Tyrian	Edam	Tuesday on or before
158	Borden	Borden	Monday on or before
160	Cut Knife	Cut Knife	Thursday on or after
182	Lonach	Marsden	Monday on or before
185	Loyalty	Ruddell	Thursday on or before
190	Turtleford	Turtleford	Thursday on or after

DISTRICT No. 8—D.D.G.M., W. LEWIS, ARCOLA.

15	Amity	Carnduff	2nd Thursday
17	Carlyle	Carlyle	3rd Monday
21	Arcola	Arcola	2nd Thursday
25	Estevan	Estevan	3rd Friday
27	Alameda	Alameda	Tuesday on or before
29	Heward	Heward	Tuesday on or before
30	New Hope	Stoughton	2nd Thursday
39	Boscurvis	Oxbow	3rd Monday
52	Border	Gainsborough	Tuesday on or before
163	Fillmore	Fillmore	2nd Thursday

DISTRICT No. 9—D.D.G.M., J. W. CLAXTON, GRENFELL.

7	Moosomin	Moosomin	Wednesday on or before
8	Ashlar	Whitewood	Tuesday on or before
10	Evening Star	Grenfell	Tuesday on or after
37	Wapella	Wapella	Thursday on or before
38	Ekapo	Broadview	2nd Wednesday
48	Grayson	Dubuc	Wednesday on or before
61	Rocanville	Rocanville	2nd Monday
80	Connaught	Windthorst	Tuesday on or before
94	Maryfield	Maryfield	Tuesday on or before
103	Composite	Kennedy	Thursday on or before
150	Wawota	Wawota	Wednesday on or before
161	Welwyn	Welwyn	Tuesday on or after

DISTRICT No. 10—D.D.G.M., D. L. ROWNTREE, CANORA.

12	Yorkton	Yorkton	1st Friday
45	Aurora	Theodore	Wednesday on or before
54	Buchanan	Buchanan	1st Tuesday
58	King Solomon	Kamsack	2nd Wednesday
59	Canora	Canora	4th Tuesday
62	Melville	Melville	4th Thursday
130	Togo	Togo	1st Wednesday
157	York	Churchbridge	Tuesday on or before
162	Saltcoats	Saltcoats	Wednesday on or before
167	Preeceville	Preeceville	3rd Wednesday
178	Norquay	Norquay	Thursday on or before
200	Hudson Bay	Hudson Bay Jct.	1st Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 11—D.D.G.M., P. H. THOMSON, GULL LAKE.

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
9	Maple Leaf	Maple Creek	Thursday on or before
26	Swift Current	Swift Current	1st Tuesday
70	Cypress	Gull Lake	3rd Monday
93	Morse	Morse	1st Monday
119	Cabri	Cabri	1st Monday
123	Lancer	Lancer	Tuesday on or before
124	Mount Hermon	Pennant	Thursday on or before
140	Sceptre	Sceptre	1st Wednesday
141	Progressive	Tompkins	Wednesday on or before
142	Leader	Leader	Monday on or before
180	Herbert	Herbert	3rd Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 12—D.D.G.M., E. H. SCARLETT, ESTON.

82	Victoria	Alsask	1st Tuesday
85	Zealandia	Zealandia	2nd Monday
86	Kindersley	Kindersley	1st Thursday
91	Rosetown	Rosetown	3rd Tuesday
134	Eston	Eston	4th Tuesday
135	Elrose	Elrose	Monday on or before
181	Tuberose	Tuberose	Thursday on or after
189	Herschel	Herschel	1st Monday
196	Lacadena	Lacadena	2nd Tuesday

DISTRICT No. 13—D.D.G.M., F. E. JAENICKE, LUSELAND.

57	Prairie	Wilkie	3rd Tuesday
73	Unity	Unity	2nd Wednesday
74	Kilwinning	Adanac	Thursday on or before
75	Harmony	Perdue	Thursday on or before
83	Meridian	Macklin	Wednesday on or before
90	Kerrobot	Kerrobot	Monday on or before
100	Biggar	Biggar	2nd Tuesday
105	Gothic	Luseland	Monday on or after
115	Landis	Landis	Wednesday on or before
118	Paragon	Kelfield	1st Tuesday
149	Loverna	Loverna	1st Monday
165	St. Luke's	Plenty	Tuesday on or before

DISTRICT No. 14—D.D.G.M., A. H. STEVENS, CLIMAX.

106	St. John's	Assiniboia	1st Thursday
109	Limerick	Limerick	Tuesday on or before
110	Shaunavon	Shaunavon	2nd Wednesday
111	Aneroid	Aneroid	2nd Thursday
112	Woodrow	Woodrow	1st Monday
122	Azure	Eastend	Thursday on or before
126	Cadillac	Cadillac	3rd Wednesday
128	Meyronne	Meyronne	2nd Tuesday
138	Kincaid	Kincaid	1st Thursday
177	Verwood	Verwood	2nd Wednesday
188	Glenedyth	Climax	2nd Tuesday
194	Vanguard	Vanguard	3rd Monday
199	Admiral	Admiral	1st Wednesday

DISTRICT No. 15—D.D.G.M., R. H. CHANT, FOAM LAKE.

35	Prince Rupert	Humboldt	2nd Friday
66	Wynyard	Wynyard	2nd Tuesday
79	Foam Lake	Foam Lake	1st Wednesday
84	Lanigan	Lanigan	2nd Thursday

No.	Lodge	Location	Night of Meeting
87	Wadena	Wadena	Monday on or before
102	Invermay	Invermay	Tuesday on or before
145	Elfros	Elfros	Wednesday on or before
151	Viscount	Viscount	1st Tuesday
169	Quill Lake	Quill Lake	1st Thursday
179	Kelvington	Kelvington	Thursday on or before

DISTRICT No. 16—D.D.G.M., D. ALCOTT, KELLIHER.

46	Strasbourg	Strasbourg	Monday on or before
51	Touchwood	Punnichy	2nd Tuesday
64	Manitou	Watrous	3rd Thursday
68	Govan	Govan	1st Tuesday
81	Tuscan	Semans	Wednesday on or after
98	Union	Kelliher	3rd Monday
101	Acacia	Imperial	1st Thursday
108	Long Lake	Liberty	2nd Tuesday
121	Simpson	Simpson	Wednesday on or before
133	Philathea	Nokomis	1st Thursday
155	Raymore	Raymore	2nd Monday

DISTRICT No. 17—D.D.G.M., D. McMURCHY, BRODERICK.

56	Elbow View	Elbow	Tuesday on or before
65	Outlook	Outlook	2nd Thursday
113	Broderick	Glenside	Thursday on or before
131	Dinston	Dinsmore	1st Wednesday
132	Conquest	Conquest	Thursday on or before
139	Riverhurst	Riverhurst	3rd Wednesday
143	Hawarden	Hawarden	Wednesday on or before
148	Dunblane	Dunblane	2nd Tuesday
187	Lucky Lake	Lucky Lake	2nd Monday
191	Macrorie	Macrorie	Monday on or before
192	Sovereign	Sovereign	1st Tuesday

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT MEETINGS FOR 1937

Dist No.	Place of Meeting	Date
7	North Battleford	Monday, July 5th
12	Kindersley	Wednesday, July 7th
13	Kerrobert	Thursday, July 8th
17	Glenside	Friday, July 9th
15	Viscount	Monday, July 12th
16	Govan	Tuesday, July 13th
1	Prince Albert	Wednesday, July 14th
10	Canora	Friday, July 16th
14	Vanguard	Monday, July 19th
11	Gull Lake	Tuesday, July 20th
4	Fort Qu'Appelle	Wednesday, July 21st
6	Weyburn	Thursday, July 22nd
8	Oxbow	Friday, July 23rd
3	Moose Jaw	Monday, September 27th
9	Wapella	Tuesday, September 28th
2	Regina	Wednesday, September 29th
5	Saskatoon	Thursday, September 30th

The programme for the meetings was as follows:

FIRST SESSION—beginning at 2.30 p.m.

1. Opening: Reception G.L. Officers; Reading Minutes.
2. Reading Report of D.D.G.M. for 1936-37.
3. Discussion on (a) Masonic Etiquette with respect to, i. Reception of visitors; ii. Grand Lodge Officers; (b) Instruction of, i. Lodge Officers; ii. Members; iii. Candidates; (c) Budgeting; (d) Suspensions.
4. Exemplification of the floor work of the Third Degree.
5. Consideration of (a) Special Nights; (b) Inter-Lodge Visitation.
6. Question Box—Questions re ceremonial work and Constitution, handed in writing to the D.D.G.M. or the Deacons during the afternoon session will be answered at the evening session.
7. Board of Installed Masters.

SECOND SESSION—beginning promptly at 7.30 p.m.

8. Selection of D.D.G.M.
9. Answers to questions.
10. Short paper (15 minutes) on "The Duties and Privileges of Lodge Membership."
11. Addresses: (a) Appointed Grand Lodge Officer; (b) Grand Master.
12. Closing.

HONOURARY MEMBERS OF THE GRAND LODGE OF SASKATCHEWAN
Past Grand Master—

F. C. Falkenstein, Bottineau, N.D.	1927
G. Hunter, Deloraine, Man.	1930
W. Douglas, Winnipeg, Man.	1930
W. H. Wardrope, Hamilton, Ont.	1930
R. Burritt, Winnipeg, Man.	1935
M. M. Downey, Edmonton, Alta.	1935
A. J. Anderson, Toronto, Ont.	1936
H. Woods, Winnipeg, Man.	1936

Past Grand Junior Warden—

W. R. Trench, Kelowna, B.C.	1927
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Past Grand Junior Deacon—

W. E. Niblock, Victoria, B.C.	1938
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BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

MEMBERS BY VIRTUE OF OFFICE.

M.W. Bros. H. H. Campkin (49), C. O. Davidson (2), W. B. Tate (6), A. S. Gorrell (11), J. McCauley (3), R. Young (1), N. B. Williams (77), G. M. Weir (60), J. W. MacNeill (19), G. Swain (60), W. J. Smith (110), W. M. Martin (2), J. K. Irwin (106), J. Orville Clarke (68), C. P. Moore (20), J. McGregor (60), F. B. Reilly (2), N. R. Craig (71), T. W. Sutherland (171), J. R. Yorke (136), J. W. Estey (16), M. Musk (63), S. C. Burton (186); R.W. Bros. H. M. Underhill (110), A. O. Brooks (77), C. P. Seeley (60), A. C. Garner (154), Robt. A. Tate (11), T. H. Pendlebury (3).

ELECTED MEMBERS

Term expiring 1939—R.W. Bros. A. M. Bell (74), O. S. Black (125), C. Stackhouse (84); V.W. Bro. A. Turnbull (92); W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion (63).

Term expiring 1940—R.W. Bros. J. C. Carter (65), F. C. Wilson (163), J. R. Young (144); V.W. Bro. W. L. Clink (19); W. Bro. D. Fraser (49).

OFFICERS

R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill	President
R.W. Bro. A. O. Brooks	Vice-President
R.W. Bro. Robt. A. Tate	Secretary

STANDING COMMITTEES

Grand Master's Address and Jurisprudence—M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill, Chairman; M.W. Bros. C. P. Moore, Robt. Young, N. R. Craig, W. J. Smith, J. W. Estey, F. B. Reilly.

Grievances and Appeals—R.W. Bro. O. S. Black, Chairman; M.W. Bros. N. R. Craig, M. Musk; R.W. Bro. C. Stackhouse; V.W. Bro. W. L. Clink.

Condition of Masonry—M.W. Bro. N. R. Craig, Chairman; M.W. Bros. J. O. Clarke, J. McGregor, J. K. Irwin, M. Musk; R.W. Bros. C. P. Seeley, A. M. Bell.

Foreign Correspondence and Relations—M.W. Bro. W. M. Martin, Chairman; M.W. Bros. J. W. Estey, J. K. Irwin, J. W. MacNeill; R.W. Bro. C. P. Seeley; W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion.

Finance—R.W. Bro. F. C. Wilson, Chairman; M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke; R.W. Bros. A. C. Garner, J. R. Young, J. C. Carter; W. Bro. D. Fraser.

Masonic Relief and Charity—M.W. Bro. R. Young, Chairman; M.W. Bros. J. McCauley, W. M. Martin, J. McGregor, N. B. Williams.

Charters—V.W. Bro. A. Turnbull, Chairman; M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke; R.W. Bros. A. O. Brooks, O. S. Black, A. M. Bell.

Necrology—W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion, Chairman; M.W. Bro. W. J. Smith; R.W. Bros. A. M. Bell, C. Stackhouse; V.W. Bros. W. L. Clink, A. Turnbull.

Library—M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Chairman; M.W. Bro. J. O. Clarke; R.W. Bros. F. C. Wilson, T. H. Pendlebury, A. O. Brooks.

Printing and Supplies—W. Bro. D. Fraser, Chairman; M.W. Bros. J. McCauley, F. B. Reilly; R.W. Bros. A. C. Garner, J. C. Carter, C. P. Seeley.

Custodians of The Work—M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Chairman; M.W. Bros. A. S. Gorrell, J. McCauley, W. M. Martin, Robt. Young, C. P. Moore, N. B. Williams.

Masonic History—M.W. Bro. J. O. Clarke, Chairman; M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams; R.W. Bros. T. H. Pendlebury, J. R. Young.

COMMITTEE ON MASONIC EDUCATION

The W.M. the Grand Master appointed the following Committee:
W. Bro. D. Fraser, Chairman, Regina; M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, Secretary, Regina; R.W. Bros. H. M. Underhill, Shaunavon; A. W. Ingram, Govan; W. Bros. J. E. Campbell, Regina; S. J. A. Branion, Prince Albert; H. C. M. Brown, Regina.

BOARD OF BENEVOLENCE

Term expiring 1939—M.W. Bros. J. McCauley, J. McGregor.

Term expiring 1940—M.W. Bros. W. M. Martin, N. B. Williams.
Term expiring 1941—M.W. Bros. J. O. Clarke, R. Young.

APPROVED RULINGS

1. Masonic Regalia cannot be worn at Balls or At Homes where admission is charged and the public admitted. Pro. 1907.
2. In balloting the ballot box shall be placed on the Altar with an equal number of black and white balls, and either each member in order of rank proceeding to the Altar and casting his ballot, or members, beginning on the left of the W.M. doing so in rotation. Pro. 1911, 1932.
3. When addressing the W.M. the term to be used is W.M. Pro. 1911.
4. When a known Brother approaches the tyled door of a Lodge and desires to enter, the knocks of the Degree in which the Lodge at the time may be working are to be given by the Tyler. In the event of a Cowan approaching a succession of knocks is to be given. Pro. 1911 and 1915.
5. The lecture and charge are integral parts of each Degree and must be given before a candidate is advanced. Pro. 1911.
6. The position of a candidate while being examined must be W. of the Altar facing E. Pro. 1911.
7. The charge may be given by any well skilled Brother. If below the rank of an I.M. he shall stand in front of the dais in the E. facing the candidate who shall be W. of the Altar. Pro. 1911.
8. No Brother shall vouch for a visitor unless he has sat with him in open Lodge. Pro. 1911.
9. The Tyler's oath is to be given after the examination by the B. of T. and the production of documentary evidence which must be demanded in every case. The absence of documentary evidence shall not necessarily exclude a visitor. Pro. 1911 and 1915.
10. The W.M. must command the S.W. to collect the P.G. and P.W. of the Degree, but the S.W., if satisfied, may vouch for all present, whereupon the collection may be dispensed with by the W.M. Pro. 1911.
11. When collecting the P.G. and P.W. of a Degree, in the event of a Brother not being in possession of same, the D. shall report to the S.W. saying: "Brother S.W. the W. is lost," who shall report to the W.M.; whereupon, if satisfied as to the Brother, the W.M. may call him to the E. and communicate the lost W. Pro. 1911.
12. No charts shall be displayed in the Lodge Room other than that of the Degree being conferred. Pro. 1911.
13. The lesser lights shall be used in all Degrees, except when otherwise called for in the work. Pro. 1911.
14. In calling the Lodge from L. to R. or vice versa, the J.W. must see that all Brethren rise to receive the Command of the W.M., even to the extent of calling up the Lodge. Pro. 1911.
15. The M. may exercise his discretion as to whether the ballot box shall be placed upon the Altar for examination by the Brethren after a ballot has been taken. Pro. 1912.
16. A candidate who cannot answer the first three questions in Masonry satisfactorily cannot be made a Mason. Pro. 1912.
17. An affiliated P.M. from another Jurisdiction is eligible for election to the Master's chair. Pro. 1914.

18. A Brother who has not been invested as Warden ranks as a M.M., and is not eligible for election to the Master's chair. Pro. 1914.
19. An affiliated Brother, on producing documentary evidence that he has served a full Masonic year as Warden in another Jurisdiction, is eligible for election to the Master's chair. Pro. 1915.
20. A Certificate of Standing is a Certificate issued to a Brother for the purpose of joining a designated Lodge, and must not be confounded with a receipt for dues. Pro. 1915.
21. The passing of the collection plate around the Lodge when the candidate is in the N.E. angle is not permissible. Pro. 1916.
22. A Committee of P. M.'s to meet with applicants before they are given application forms is permissible. Pro. 1916.
23. It is unconstitutional to receive petitions or reports of committees on applicants at Emergent meetings. Pro. 1916.
24. It is unconstitutional to initiate a candidate at an Emergent meeting on the same date as the regular meeting at which the candidate was balloted on. Pro. 1916.
25. It is not permissible for a Brother from a Grand Lodge not recognized by this Grand Lodge to either visit or affiliate with a Lodge in this Jurisdiction. Pro. 1917.
26. The Second Degree Working Tools shall be presented in full form as contained in the Installation Ceremony. Pro. 1918.
27. It is the duty of a subordinate Lodge to try a Brother and only in very exceptional cases can a Commission be appointed by the Grand Master. Pro. 1918.
28. If an applicant can comply with the requirements of the Ceremonials even by the aid of artificial limbs, and is in a physical condition to earn a living, and not likely to become a charge upon the Fraternity, and if his moral character is all that a Mason's should be, his petition can be entertained on obtaining a Special Dispensation from G.L. Pro. 1918.
29. The home of a soldier prior to his enlistment is the only home recognized during the time he is in uniform without regard to the various places he may be stationed in while on Military Service. Pro. 1919.
30. A candidate for initiation must have resided within this Grand Jurisdiction for a period of twelve months immediately previous to the date of his Petition and have resided within the Jurisdiction of the Lodge to which he makes application for a period of six months immediately previous to the date of his Petition. Pro. 1919, 1938.
31. A Lodge can hold a Masonic Funeral Service for a deceased Brother when another society attends the same service in regalia, but the service must, in all respects, be conducted exclusively by the Lodge as if none but Masons were in attendance. A Masonic Lodge should not take part in Funeral Services when conducted by any other organization. Whenever civic societies, the Military or other organizations may constitute a part of the Funeral Procession or otherwise unite with the assembly, the body of the deceased must be in charge of the Lodge officiating. Pro. 1920.
32. An increase or reduction in the fees of a Lodge by virtue of an amendment to its By-Laws, shall become effective from the date

such amendment is passed, subject to the approval of the Grand Master; any increase or reduction in the annual dues of a Lodge by virtue of an amendment to its By-Laws shall become effective from June 24th or December 27th next following the date upon which such amendment is passed, subject to the approval of the Grand Master. Pro. 1920.

33. Candidates in the First Degree must be prepared and received individually and a candidate must not be received from a preparation room in which other candidates are waiting, but after they have been presented by the Senior Warden and have answered singly the questions addressed to them by the Worshipful Master, they may, at the discretion of the Worshipful Master, thereafter be taken collectively. Candidates in the Third Degree may be taken collectively to the end of the obligation, but if taken collectively, they must then retire to the preparation room to be readmitted and raised singly, after which they may again be taken collectively. Pro. 1920.
34. A Brother who has affiliated with a Lodge in this Jurisdiction on a Certificate of Standing from a Lodge in another Jurisdiction shall not be given a demit on resigning therefrom, but his resignation shall be accepted under the conditions governing the granting of a demit, and such resignation shall be recorded in the minute book and historical register. Pro. 1920.
35. In the case of a candidate who is a conscientious objector to our form of obligation, as being contrary to his religious belief, the Committee on Jurisprudence could not concur in a ruling permitting a departure from the Ancient Usage extant in the form of obligation as it has come down to us through the Masonic centuries. Pro. 1920, page 105.
36. A Lodge holding an At Home of a purely Masonic nature, and to which the public are not invited, is justified in making application for a dispensation to wear regalia, although it levies a charge on the members attending same. Pro. 1921.
37. The Constitution does not provide for nominations either oral or written for Officers in Constituent Lodges; all elections except when otherwise provided for in the Constitution shall be by written ballot without nomination. Pro. 1923.
38. A man having received only part of his obligation and not having been brought to light is not a Mason. Pro. 1924.
39. The residence of a person employed and residing in unorganized territory is only temporary and his application may be received by the Lodge nearest his permanent home address. Pro. 1924.
40. The furnishings, etc., of a Lodge room cannot be used to the exclusion of a Chart to illustrate a Warden's lecture. The Tracing Board of the Degree must be used. Pro. 1924.
41. Where the Constitution and the By-Laws of a Lodge conflict the Constitution governs and overrules the By-Laws. Pro. 1926.
42. A Brother elected and installed as Warden, even though he has not put in attendance during the term, is eligible for election to the Master's chair if the members of the Lodge made no protest to his holding the office of Warden and he did not resign. Pro. 1926.
43. Matters relating to a Chapter of the Eastern Star are not Masonic business and must not be brought before a Lodge as such. Pro. 1926.

44. All Lodge notices must be mailed in sealed envelopes. Pro. 1926.
45. Lodges have not the power to fix sectional boundaries by agreement but must be governed as to distance between Lodges by a direct line. Pro. 1926.
46. A Master cannot close his Lodge in any Degree in short form. He may suspend labour in one Degree and resume in another lower Degree for the purpose of doing work, but he must resume labour in the original Degree and close in full form. Pro. 1927.
47. An application cannot be considered from an applicant who is deaf. Pro. 1927.
48. No motion to rescind a resolution entered upon the minutes and regularly passed at a previous regular meeting shall be received or put through a Lodge until a notice of intention to introduce such motion to rescind shall have been made at a previous meeting. This, however, does not prevent a Lodge reconsidering, at the same meeting, a motion which they have passed without due consideration, provided that the mover and seconder of the motion to reconsider voted with the majority in the first instance. Pro. 1927.
49. A petition from a member of a clandestine Lodge cannot be entertained. Pro. 1927.
50. The names of applicants for initiation and affiliation, notwithstanding that they appear on the monthly joint notice sent out by all the Lodges of a city to their membership, must appear on the individual Lodge notice. Pro. 1927.
51. As Section 211, sub-sec. 14, states that the regular meeting of a Lodge is the one only meeting in each month at which business can be done, and Section 117 states that the day and hour of the regular meeting shall be specified in the Lodge By-laws, the Anniversaries of the Saints John cannot be considered as regular meetings of any Lodge. They are Festive Meetings and must always be so regarded. Pro. 1927.
52. The Lodge seal must be affixed to all letters emanating from the Secretary's office. Pro. 1927.
53. Lodge funds should be used for Masonic purposes, and while there may be an occasional application for assistance, such as a national calamity, which should not be passed over, Lodges in this Jurisdiction should make use of their funds for purely Masonic purposes. This ruling means exactly what it says and is as it is to protect Lodges against requests from other organizations. Masonic charity can be well exercised through Masonic channels. Pro. 1927 and 1928.
54. Where the By-laws of a Lodge provide for payment of dues in advance, dues for the current year are payable at the beginning of the year, and at the end of such year, the dues having remained unpaid for twelve months, a Brother is liable to suspension by proper procedure for that purpose. Pro. 1927.
55. A member of a Character Committee being in possession of information which he would not be justified in disclosing to anyone, not even to other members of the Committee, might refuse to sign a favourable report on his honour as a member of the Committee and as a Mason and this should be considered sufficient. Pro. 1928.
56. Premises which have been dedicated to Masonry should not be used for any other purpose. If the premises have not been so

dedicated, the Lodge may, in a proper case, rent to some other organization. The best interests of the Craft should, however, be carefully considered and no action should be taken which might lead to the conclusion that the Masonic Order is entangled with any other society or organization. Pro. 1928.

57. Should the name of an applicant for initiation not appear on the notice for the meeting at which he was balloted on the proceedings in the case would be null and void and it would be necessary for the applicant's name to appear on the notice calling the next regular meeting and for the Lodge to again ballot on the application. Pro. 1928.
58. A Lodge is not warranted in demanding payment of other sums than dues as a condition for the granting of a demit. Pro. 1928.
59. No residence qualifications are required by the Constitution for applications for affiliation. The statement on the application form "I removed to the Province of Saskatchewan in _____" is contained in the form to protect us in Saskatchewan from men being initiated in other Jurisdictions who have acquired residence qualifications in this Province. Pro. 1928.
60. If a Master who occupied the chair for any period during the year resigns and another Master is elected for the balance of the year, neither the Master who vacates nor the one who is chosen to take his place can comply with the requirements of Section 211, sub-sec. 3, and are not entitled to Past Master's rank. Pro. 1928.
61. An amendment to the By-laws of a Lodge adding to the clause governing regular meetings, excepting certain months of the year, is contrary to the spirit of their Charter, nor can any Lodge discontinue meetings by resolution of the Lodge but the W.M. of a Lodge is within his rights to declare that no meetings shall be held in any month if for good reasons he considers it inadvisable. Pro. 1929 and 1933.
62. The name of the Lodge or of Freemasonry must not be associated officially in any way with an insurance club. If the members want to form such a club they must do it as individuals and not as a Lodge. Pro. 1929.
63. The Corner Stone of a Masonic Temple must be placed in the North East corner of the building; the facing of the building makes no difference with regard to the position of the stone. Pro. 1929.
64. If a Brother suspended for non-payment of dues applies for reinstatement, sending the amount of his arrears along with his application, and the application for reinstatement is rejected, the Lodge must return the amount sent by him. Pro. 1929.
65. It is the primary duty of the Tyler to tyle the Lodge when it is in session, and at no time is he entitled to enter the Lodge except at the request of the W.M. in conformity with Sec. 157 of the Constitution. Pro. 1930.
66. A Second or Third Degree may be conferred at any time during the twenty-eighth day after the conferring of the previous degree, provided the necessary qualifications as to proficiency have been complied with. Pro. 1930.
67. In the absence of a qualifying explanation in the Constitution as to method, "vote" means a show of hands. Pro. 1930.

68. All who enter the Lodge must give the P.G. and P.W. of the degree, excepting the Grand Master or the D.D.G.M. on his official visit. Pro. 1930.
69. When reporting the result of a ballot any wording other than "favourable" or "unfavourable" must not be used. Pro. 1932.
70. The pall-bearers at a Masonic funeral should be Masons and unless the family have expressed a wish to have a non-Mason act as a pall-bearer the W.M., after consulting with them, should select from members of the Craft. Pro. 1932.
71. It is unconstitutional to initiate a candidate for other than the full amount of the fee as provided by the By-laws of the Lodge. Pro. 1932.
72. Buildings should not be dedicated to Masonic purposes until such time as the premises are free from encumbrances. Pro. 1932.
73. No motion for which Notice of Motion is required shall be amended or altered upon the return date of the Notice of Motion, and must be dealt with in its original form as set out in the Notice of Motion unless the Lodge shall see fit to defer consideration of the matter until notice of a proposed amendment shall be given in the same manner as the original Notice of Motion was given. Pro. 1934.
74. No Constituent Lodge shall confer any Degree in other than the work permitted under the Charter of the Lodge. Pro. 1936.

MASONIC EDUCATION

The Committee on Masonic Education issued the following course of study and monthly outlines for the year 1937-38:—

PROGRAMME 1937-1938

October—Great Masters—Rudyard Kipling, Poet and Mason.

November—Masonic Secrecy.

December—The Lodge a symbol of man's intellectual, moral and spiritual development.

January—Masonic Ornaments—Benevolence, Charity.

February—The 47th Proposition of the First Book of Euclid.

March—Masonic Principles often overlooked: (a) Friendship, (b) Loyalty, (c) Virtue and Morality, (d) Patriotism.

April—The Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge—Its necessity, structure and work.

May—The Three Great Pillars.

June—The Volume of the Sacred Law.

September—Qualifications for membership.

RUDYARD KIPLING, AUTHOR AND FREEMASON

By W. Bro. F. B. Bagshaw.

Rudyard Kipling was born in Bombay, India, on December 30th, 1865. His schooling, which began in England in '71, was completed by four years' tuition at the United Services College, Westward Ho, Devonshire. In '82 he joined his parents in India where at the age

of 17 he became Assistant Editor of the Civil and Military Gazette at Lahore. In '87 he moved to Allahabad where he was employed on the Pioneer Mail and associate newspapers. In '89 he left India for England, began writing for the St. James Gazette and Scot's Observer, went abroad in '91, married Caroline Starr Balestier of Vermont, U.S.A., in '92, and lived in that State until '98, when he returned to England.

His epoch is so close to us that no estimate may be made at this time of the permanent value and influence of his work. Perhaps the most competent person to speak of his writings is the erudite and authoritative French author and essayist, Andre Maurois, who says of him:

"Authors who appeal to great numbers of people outside their own country are few indeed. Kipling appealed to the rising generations of France as few French writers were able to do. His mannerisms became French mannerisms. His legends inspired the minds and moulded the ideas of French children. He endeavoured to show that salvation lay in respect for the oldest of all human values—order, discipline and courage. The boys of England and France and Germany and Australia and Arabia all go up to the Rock of Council and learn the law. He held out the ruling of an Empire to the youth of Britain as the noblest task their life could give and as the nursery of heroic virtues, but it is the heroic society, not the British Empire, which counts for most in Kipling's work. The things which he has described and sung are the eternal virtues which give a man the faculty of leadership and give the race the power of survival The real secret of Kipling's hold is an instructive and enduring contact with the oldest and deepest layers of the human consciousness."

Kipling was a master craftsman, probably unsurpassed in a mastery of the technical and spiritual aspects of the subject matter of his writings. In medicine, engineering, forestry, law, education and arms he displays an amazing accuracy of knowledge throughout his works, which drew high eoniums from the Masters. It is therefore not in the least surprising that his Masonic writings and allusions are so accurate and pointed. He was initiated into Masonic Lodge Hope and Perseverance No. 782 E. C., Lahore, India, April 5th, 1886, before he was 21, passed to the Second Degree on May 3rd, then owing to hot weather the Lodge went into recess until December 6th, when he was "raised". In March of 1887 he was proposed in Mark Lodge Fidelity No. 98, Lahore, by W. Bro. P. C. Mukerjee and seconded by W. Bro. Brij Lal Ghose as a candidate for advancement to the Mark Degree, and on the same date the same Brethren proposed him for elevation to the Mariner Degree in R.A.M. Lodge, Mount Ararat, both Degrees being conferred on April 12th, 1887. He undoubtedly followed the admonition to make daily advancement in Masonic knowledge, for it is recorded that at a communication in April, 1887, Bro. Kipling read a paper on the origins of the Craft in general and of the First Degree in particular.

As early as '88 when he was but 22 years of age, Masonic references, colourful and daring, appear in three of his books:—

"The Rout of the White Hussars"; "To Be Filed for Reference", (Plain Tales from the Hills); "With the Main Guard", (Soldiers Three); "The Man Who Would Be King", (The Phantom 'Rickshaw).

From then onward the references come thick and fast in both prose and verse.

"The Press"—

"The Soldier may forget his Sword,
The Sailor the Sea,
The Mason may forget the Word
And the Priest his Litany!"

"A Matter of Fact—"Once a priest, always a priest; once a Mason, always a Mason; but once a journalist, always and forever a journalist."

"The Widow at Windsor" (Barrack Room Ballads)—

"Then 'ere's to the Lodge o' the Widow,
From the Pole to the Tropics it runs—
To the Lodge that we tile with the rank an' the file,
An' open in form with the guns."

"The Flag of their Country" (Stalky & Co.)—Foxy, the School Sergeant, says: "I never come across such nonsense in my life. They've tiled the Lodge inner and outer guard all complete, and then they get to work, keen as mustard."

"The Wrong Thing" (Rewards and Fairies)—"Be you the builder of the village Hall?' he asked of Mr. Springett, 'I be, but if you want a job—' 'No, faith!' he said. 'Only the Hall is as good and honest a piece of work as I've ever run a rule over. So, being born hereabouts, and being reckoned a master among masons, and accepted as a master mason, I made bold to pay my brotherly respects to the builder.' 'Aa-um!' Mr. Springett looked important, 'I be a bit rusty, but I'll try ye!'"

"On the Great Wall" (Puck of Pook's Hill)—"We came to know each other at a ceremony in our temple—in the dark. 'Yes—in the Cave we first met, and we were both raised to the Degree of Gryphons together.' Parnesius raised his hand to his neck for an instant."

"The Palace" (Five Nations)—

"When I was a King and a Mason—a Master proven and skilled—
I cleared me ground for a Palace such as a King should build.
I decreed and dug down to my levels. Presently under the silt
I came to the wreck of a Palace, such as a King had built."

"The Mother Lodge" (The Seven Seas) a poem well known to all Masons:—

"We met upon the Level, an' we parted on the Square,
An' I was Junior Deacon in my Mother Lodge out there!"

"Letters to the Family" (Letters of Travel)—"Canada possesses two pillars of Strength and Beauty in Quebec and Victoria."

In an address on "Imperial Relations"—"They (the Dominions) face the five great problems—I prefer to call them Points of Fellowship—Education, Immigration, Transportation, Irrigation and Administration."

Throughout his entire work Masonic references appear, and in "Kim", "Captains Courageous", "The Day's Work", and "Fringes of the Fleet", there are innumerable examples of "casual signs, tokens and words."

When a Lodge was formed for the benefit of the employees of the War Graves Commission he was asked to name it. The name he gave was "Builders of the Silent Cities," and the number of the Lodge is 4948.

He was predominantly English, with a mixture of Scottish and

Irish. Both of his grandfathers were Wesleyan ministers, which may account for the puritanical strain so frequently indicated in his writings. His knowledge of the Bible, particularly the Old Testament, is evidenced throughout his work. His art was not only great in itself, but served a great purpose. Perhaps his spirit is best exemplified in an expression from one of his addresses:—

“We are brothers of a calling to which, if a man be not devoutly moved and truly dedicate, all his life and labour are at long last no more than vanity of the spirit and vexation of the soul.”

During his latter years he lived unpretentiously and in dignified reticence. He died January 18th, 1936, his ashes being entombed in the Poets’ Corner in Westminster Abbey, but his inspiration remains for all time. His message was sympathy for the unfortunate, admiration for the world’s workers, a just but unboasting pride in our heritage.

“Lord, who shall dwell in Thy Tabernacle or who shall rest upon Thy Holy Hill,

Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life and doeth the thing which is right and speaketh the truth from his heart.

He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes.”

Questions for discussion—How does the study of Masonic verse broaden our understanding of (1) Masonic truths? (2) Symbols? Do poets, sculptors, artists and authors draw any real inspiration for their work from Masonry? Give examples. Contrast Burns and Kipling as Masonic Poets.

Subject for Debate—Resolved, that Kipling’s lines, “Oh East is East and West is West and never the twain shall meet,” can be reconciled with the universality of Masonry.

Suggestion—A good reader can furnish excellent entertainment for the Brethren at the close of any Lodge meeting by reading any of the following stories in “Debits and Credits”, which should be read in their entirety—“In the Interests of the Brethren”, “A Madonna of the Trenches”, “A Friend of the Family”, also “The Janeites” from the same volume, a delightful account of a sort of Freemasonry, complete with passwords, amongst some admirers of Jane Austen.

MASONIC SECRECY

By R.W. Bro. H. M. Underhill.

Masonic Secrecy, accentuated by the antiquity of the Order, has for generations been recognized as Masonry’s predominant and characteristic feature. Masonic law prohibits improper revelations. Every Freemason is instructed by the ancient charges (see the Constitution) in the following words: “You are to be cautious in your words and carriage, that the most penetrating stranger should not be able to discover what is not proper to be intimated”; etc., and “You are to act as becomes a moral and wise man, particularly not to let your family, friends and neighbours know the concerns of the Lodge, etc.” In the First Charge to the Candidate, it says “Secrecy may be said to consist in the inviolable adherence to the obligations you have entered into, never improperly to reveal any of those Masonic secrets which have now been, or may at any future time be, entrusted to your keeping, and cautiously to shun all occasions which may inadvertently lead you so to do.” This secrecy has been

declared to be one of the most valuable privileges secured by Masonic law and one which constitutes the very essence and spirit of the Institution. These Masonic laws concerning secrecy are based upon, perhaps, the oldest tradition of the Order, and always associated with the inner circle of teachers and seekers for truth. Roscoe Pound says, "But if anything in Masonry is immemorial and universal and if the testimony of ancient and primitive rites counts for anything at all, we may at least set up the requirement of secrecy as an unquestioned landmark." And again, "It (secrecy) is an immemorial, universal characteristic not merely of Masonry, but of all the like societies which have existed among all men in all times."

The public know our temples, Lodge Rooms, time and place of meetings, the charities, homes and hospitals. Press notices tell them about installations, dedications, Masonic Inter-Lodge visiting, District Meetings and Grand Lodge Communications. They see us in procession adorned in regalia, at Masonic funerals, the laying of foundation stones and attending divine services. They are with us at our Masonic at homes, dances, card parties and picnics. There have been published thousands of books and pamphlets on Masonic history, ritual, symbolism and jurisprudence and scores of periodicals, most of which are available to the public. Many members are adorned with jewelry bearing Masonic emblems. There are also the public activities, seen and read, of many organizations which the public knows to be based upon Masonic membership. The public obtain ample opportunity to know our reputations as Masons and as they judge us, they judge Masonry.

Although some of this publicity may violate discreet Masonic secrecy, the errors in part may originate because of a misconception of the purpose of Masonry and how Masonry should function to further those purposes. So it may be that some of the publicity that Masonry gets is misleading as well as unfavourable. It is important that Masonry should be favourably understood. That is an individual responsibility of each member to prove to the public that he is not only a Mason by the emblem he wears, but truly so in his heart.

There is no doubt in considering Masonry as an organization of men believing in the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man as a basis for their search for truth, that secrecy, not only has always been but still is a vital and essential element to the maximum service and long life of our methods of teaching. We must never forget that we are custodians of Masonry as a trust to be administered and preserved through proper use and so handed on to the generations yet to be. Fidelity to that sacred trust is the slogan for each member. It would be a gross violation of that responsibility to exploit the powers of our organization by improper functioning and publicity upon the highways and byways of the world. Thereby we would be inviting destruction. Sir Alfred Robbins well said that Freemasonry, for preservation from outer assault and inner decay, is veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbol.

Our secrets by their very nature require us to keep to ourselves all those things which have to do with the Masonic method of teaching; the business of the Lodge; our Ss., Ts. and Ws.; the ceremonies of O. and C., and of conferring degrees. All of such is the concern of Masonry in its internal operations in assisting its members toward the great objective of Masonry, that the individual may develop within himself the highest possible personal experience of an intimate relationship between man and his Maker. The method

of searching for those secrets, which cannot be communicated, we have inherited from the past. As our Masonic predecessors reverently preserved the secrets for us so we as faithful custodians of that sacred trust must preserve them for succeeding generations. Finally, Masonry does not pretend to have any monopoly of truth, and its moral teachings are not Masonic secrets.

Questions for discussion—1. Is it correct to say that "Masonry is not a secret order but an order with secrets"? 2. How much may properly be told to an intending applicant? 3. What should be a Mason's attitude toward: (a) "Masonic literature, (b) Newspaper reports of Masonic functions, (c) Brethren who are careless in preserving the secrets? 4. What penalty should be imposed for a breach of secrecy and how should it be enforced?

Subject for Debate—Resolved that secrecy is the most important of the Ancient Landmarks.

THE LODGE AS A SYMBOL OF MAN'S THREEFOLD DEVELOPMENT

By W. Bro. Douglas Fraser.

To the E. A. Masonry is "a beautiful System of Morality" that is of Ethics but to every Mason who has advanced beyond the stage of E. A. it is more. It is for him—the handmaiden of religion, a philosophic system, a Way of Life. Those who grasp this deeper significance find in the symbolism many parallels to man's physical, mental and spiritual development. Hills says: "The whole of life as we experience it is portrayed in the ceremonies of the three degrees; birth, growth of the mental faculties and spiritual development preparatory to our inevitable end." And again: "The seven liberal arts and sciences symbolize intellectual development deemed essential to a full enjoyment and understanding of life."

Likewise, there come readily to mind—the building of the Temple; the Mosaic pavement, depicting the contrasts of which the whole of life is made up; the ashlar, representing the actual and the ideal and many other bits of Masonic mysticism.

The whole is greater than any of its parts and equal to the sum of all its parts. As the component parts of the Lodge has each a lesson to impart we may expect that the combination of all to form the material unit—the Lodge—will as such have a really vital significance. What then, does the perfected whole symbolize?

Early in man's history emerged the conception of supernatural powers influencing and ruling his affairs. Prompted by fear, he attempted to appease these spirits by sacrifices, offered at first indiscriminately, but later, on an Altar permanently erected in some secluded spot favoured of his peculiar god. He adorned the Altar and its environs and endued it with sanctity. It became a temple in embryo. A cult of priests arose who served therein. Though the conception of god as a god of wrath gave place to that of a god of love still the original acts of homage persisted. Hence on the purely religious side grew up the Church and the Cathedral while on the philosophic side emerged the School and the Lodge. Thus the essence of the conception of a Supreme Being, whom man, in the proper spirit, may approach and with whom he may commune is visualized at the Altar. Kneeling at the same footstool man may confidently expect to find others reverently engaged on a like mission of communion. With these kindred spirits he there shares in the highest type of fraternalism—a superlative Brotherhood.

Such intimate and holy relationships demand that the Altar be suitably housed and isolated. The surroundings, the ceremonials, the very atmosphere must breathe devotion and contribute to the communion of spirit with spirit. Reflection on the foregoing will guide us to the proper spiritual approach to a Lodge meeting. Surely the man of keenly trained intellect and "pure in heart" will be the best qualified and equipped to enter into the Presence. The perfect Lodge housing the Altar is a symbol of the perfect man sheltering the indwelling spirit.

The Lodge (the place dedicated for the meeting) is designed in Wisdom, of traditional form most appropriate to its purpose; is built in Strength, according to soundest structural principles for endurance; is embellished in Beauty satisfying the highest standards of art, to comprise an harmonious whole—a fit shrine for adoration. It embodies the best skill of the architects, builders and artists of all ages. It is a Holy of Holies.

Thus as the group erect the perfect Temple to invite His presence, so must the individual develop to the highest his physical, mental and spiritual faculties to furnish the most perfect abode for such a Guest: His most acceptable sacrifice is a pure and contrite heart: He comes to dwell with His servant, making His abode in the innermost being: He reflects His presence through the prism of a pure life and in a mysterious way beautifies and adorns the same.

There is an Indwelling Spirit. The finer a man's physical qualities; the richer his intellectual attainments; the purer his spiritual outlook the more nearly will he attain to the Great Ideal: the closer will be his walk with God.

Fatherhood of God implies Sonship of Man.

Questions for discussion:—Why is "G" suspended above the Altar? If the East symbolizes the source of Light why is the Altar placed in the centre of the L.? What is the point within the circle and who comprise the circumference? Why is a Masonic Lodge "situated due E. and W."?

Subject for Debate: Resolved that the rise and fall of succeeding civilizations has always been directly related to man's attitude toward God.

MASONIC ORNAMENTS—BENEVOLENCE, CHARITY

By M.W. Bro. J. McCauley.

Freemasons are charged to be especially careful to maintain in their fullest splendour those truly Masonic Ornaments, Benevolence and Charity. The Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan was created for the purpose of assisting Lodges to carry out this obligation by putting them in a position to give permanent assistance to members in good standing who, through sickness or the infirmities of old age, are in straitened circumstances, and to widows, orphans and dependents of members who are in need of assistance (note the word "permanent", which is to be interpreted as cases which may run into months or years).

Very few Lodges would be in a position financially to make regular grants by way of assistance to needy Brethren and their dependents throughout a number of years. But, by reason of the foresight of Grand Lodge, in such cases a Lodge can apply to the Board of Trustees for assistance and the Trustees will receive and

pass upon the application in a business-like manner but at all times in a spirit of true fraternalism.

Few Brethren ever think of the consideration that must be given to each application. When the Board approves of a grant to the extent of say \$25.00 monthly to a Lodge toward the assistance of someone, what are they assuming? A liability of \$300.00 a year, which means that if we are fortunate enough in our investments to maintain a five per cent yield, we have to set aside a sum of \$6,000.00 for this one case. In ten years the beneficiary would receive \$3,000.00, in fifteen years \$4,500.00, a very liberal return for the total initiation and per capita levies paid in during the same period by the average Lodge.

In the light of the experience gained the Trustees feel that many of our Brethren forget the tenets of the Craft and look upon the Benevolent Fund as one to which every member or dependent has a "right"; that it is inexhaustible, and can be drawn upon at any time regardless of the condition of the Constituent Lodge's finances. They entirely overlook the fact that the Fund was intended to supplement Lodge givings, where necessary, to enable them to carry a burden that might otherwise be altogether too heavy for them to bear, but was never intended to relieve Lodges of their responsibility. A Lodge that looks to the Board to relieve it of its charitable responsibilities is shirking its greatest Masonic duty and surrendering its most precious privilege.

No Brother on joining the Fraternity was ever given reason to believe that any financial benefits would ever accrue to himself or his dependents. Unfortunately too many men seek the privileges of Freemasonry when the money required for initiation fees and dues might better have been invested in good family protection, or, in the alternative, in joining some organization where, in case of disability or death, assistance would be theirs by "right". Money spent on the "luxury" of Freemasonry without any thought for the future of the man himself or his dependents is not justifiable and should be discouraged. It is a "luxury" because, in the case of Freemasonry, it is spent without any thought of pecuniary return.

When a Lodge is disbursing benevolence whether from its own funds or from a supplemental grant from the Board the beneficiaries should be made to understand clearly that it is not theirs "by right". This is important because through lowered interest rates the income of the capital fund may reach a state where existing grants will have to be very materially reduced and new grants probably refused.

The Trustees spend much time and thought in an endeavour to administer the Fund satisfactorily and at all times welcome helpful advice and constructive criticism. At the same time they ask for the sincere co-operation and assistance of the Brethren throughout the whole Jurisdiction.

This outline is the work of M.W. Bro. James McCauley, a member of the Board of Trustees of the Grand Lodge Benevolent Fund since its inception and President continuously for sixteen years. There is much in it which is practical and inspiring.

In the 1937 Proceedings, page 125, is an illuminating article on the Fund by M.W. Bro. N. B. Williams and in the yearly reports of the Board in the Annual Proceedings may be found a veritable mine of information. Tell your members the history of the Fund, with concrete examples of its work. It is an epic and they will be thrilled.—DOUGLAS FRASER, Chairman.

Questions for discussion—The root meaning of "Benevolence" is "well-wishing". Is that the Masonic meaning? Is it adequate? In how many ways can a Mason be charitable? "Charity" is sometimes translated as "Love". Is that a satisfactory Masonic meaning? Is the description "ornament" apt? Compare the virtue of charity to "a ruby above price." In dispensing charity should a Mason's first duty be to his Brethren?

THE 47th PROPOSITION OF THE FIRST BOOK OF EUCLID

By W. Bro. J. E. Campbell.

"In a right angled triangle, the square on the hypotenuse is equal to the sum of the squares on the other two sides." (I.47).

Plutarch, the ancient philosopher, unhesitatingly accepted this proposition as a discovery of Pythagoras (6th century B.C.). According to many other early writers there is no reason to question the tradition that so far as Greek geometry is concerned, he was the first to give a general proof of it. Burk, a German scholar, roundly maintains that I.47 was known and proved in all its generality by the Indians long before the date of Pythagoras and further that so far from Indian geometry being indebted to the Greek, the much-travelled Pythagoras probably obtained his theory from India.

The Egyptians as far back as 2000 B.C. knew that 3, 4, 5 was a right angled triangle. Pythagoras extended this knowledge by finding an algebraic formula which gives square numbers which are the sum of two squares. It is not unreasonable to suggest that, after he had experimented with numbers and diagrams, he was able to submit a purely synthetic proof of the famous theorem. The diagram which is familiar to us is ascribed to Euclid (4th century B.C.). In the proof given by Pythagoras himself he is said to have used a different figure.

The principle of the 3, 4, 5 triangle enabled the Egyptians to build their wonderful pyramids and to perform architectural feats to the wonder of the ages. Just as this proposition is essential to the whole science of geometry so does its diagram typify the science of what, under the English Constitution, represents the basis of Craft Masonry.

On its Masonic uses our interpreters have written with enthusiasm. "In it are concealed more ancient symbolism than all other symbols used by or incident to our Order." In it we find the jewels of the W.M., the Senior and Junior Warden.

What is its Masonic meaning? If we experiment with a group of numbers falling into the series corresponding to 3, 4 and 5 we find that they bear the same relationship to each other. This suggests something of the secret of Masonry. We select a large group of men; they appear to have little in common; but through our teachings and the application of our principle of brotherhood we are able to unite them into a harmonious fraternity. In this view the Problem is a symbol of Brotherhood.

The Egyptians made the base line to represent Osiris, the male principle; the vertical, Isis, the female principle; the hypotenuse, Horus, the product of the two. Following this out, we let the first two lines represent our earthly nature and our spiritual nature. By a harmonious adjustment of these two a perfect man will result.

All Masons know that the Past Master wears a collar bearing a

jewel of distinctive design—a representation of a geometrical drawing. This drawing is a representation of the diagram Euclid (I.47). The symbolism in this jewel represents the science of Masonry and shows that the wearer having discharged his duties as W.M. has or should have a complete understanding of our system and its several parts. The central feature of the jewel is the triangle representing the strength of the Deity and also the Triad. Its sides may be looked upon as representing the three degrees (E.A., F.C., M.M.).

The square on the hypotenuse represents the Master; the squares on the other two sides represent the Wardens. The jewel represents the whole progress of the Mason from the Initiate to the Master of the Lodge. It points out that only by square conduct, level steps and upright intentions can we hope to perfect ourselves sufficiently to become worthy of holding rank as a ruler of the Craft and a Past Master. The symbol further reminds the Brother of the call to advance duly in Masonic knowledge and to qualify himself for installation in the Master's Chair.

Earlier in this discussion it was observed that the jewels of the Master and the Wardens were concealed in the P.M.'s jewel. The base of the triangle is a horizontal line (level), the vertical is set upright by the plumb-line. These two lines form a square. The figure is closed by the third line to symbolize the harmony and co-operation which should prevail in the work of the three principal Officers "who rule a Lodge".

Suggestion—Dedicate this meeting to the Past Masters. Have them occupy the Chairs; honour the memory of those departed; read messages from those absent and have one or more deal with the subject of study for this month.

The meeting can be made an outstanding event, reviving the interest of old and faithful past Officers; stimulating the laudable ambitions of younger members for advancement towards the "Chair"; and enlightening all in the rich lessons of one of the finest symbols in Masonry—the Past Master's Jewel.

Questions for discussion—1. In what respects were the ancient civilisations (Egyptian, Greek) superior to those of the present age? 2. Why are we led to believe that Masonry and geometry were originally synonymous terms? 3. "Its sides can be looked upon as representing the three degrees." (Hills). How would you explain this statement? 4. What does the title "Past Master" imply?

Subject for Debate—Resolved that success in life depends on the laying of sound foundations in childhood.

MASONIC PRINCIPLES OFTEN OVERLOOKED—FRIENDSHIP, LOYALTY, VIRTUE AND MORALITY, AND PATRIOTISM

By R.W. Bro. S. C. Burton.

The subject with which this paper deals is a very large and practical one. Each of the sub-heads would provide ample material for a separate paper, hence the treatment extended to each must be brief. We have space only to outline a few salient points; Brethren in developing the subject will no doubt touch on many other interesting and important truths.

Friendship—Friendship has been said to be the most glorious sentiment in life. The Bible story of David and Jonathan has long been held up as an example; similarly that of Damon and Pythias in

Greek legend; and history records many examples of noble friendships. The friendships that ought to exist among Masons are of great importance. In Lodge men meet under peculiar circumstances. By solemn obligation they have bound themselves by ties which certainly include friendship as a cardinal principle of our association. But making allowances for human frailty, they have been instructed by the Master in the course they are expected to follow in cases of disagreement. In Lodge we work together in harmony and should there lay the foundation of fine, unselfish friendships to carry outside into every day life.

True friendship means unselfish service and love, and Masonry in its best sense means just this. But do Masons always give proper expression to this noble feeling? Do they always exhibit it one to the other, both in and out of the Lodge, and particularly do they extend a full measure of friendship to the Brethren who come amongst them from other points? We would do well, all of us, to give serious thought to these points. If we do I am satisfied our exemplification of this Masonic principle would be greatly improved.

Loyalty—Loyalty is another of the foundation stones upon which our institution is built. A Mason's loyalty to the Fraternity, to his Lodge, to his Brother, to his Country, and to the principles of virtue and morality for which the institution stands, should be exemplified and expressed in the life he lives from day to day. No man ever did Masonry a favour by becoming a member. Masonry is an institution of much more importance than any of its members. It is a great privilege to be a member of our Ancient Fraternity and the worthy member will be loyal to its traditions and teachings and endeavour to deserve well of the Order. A true Mason is loyal to his country and its institutions, to his friends, his family, and his obligations generally.

Virtue and Morality—All through our ceremonies, we are impressed with the fact that virtue and morality are of the very foundation of the Craft. In the lecture in the First Degree the importance of the four cardinal virtues is impressed upon us, and our attention is called to the Volume of the Sacred Law, as the unerring guide to our conduct in life. These principles are reiterated again and again. We are forcibly told in the Third Degree of the penalty a virtuous man would prefer to suffer rather than be false or dishonourable. With this foundation the good Mason will in his life and conduct undeviatingly adhere to a high standard of morality, and choose that which is right with invincible resolution. The following quotations are timely, and bring home to our minds our responsibility as Masons in regard to the non-Masonic world:

"When a man wears a pin or a ring emblematic of the Craft, he establishes the fact in the minds of all with whom he comes in contact that he is a member of the Fraternity. He may, by his general conduct, stimulate among the profane a high respect and admiration for Masonry, or on the other hand, he may bring expressions of contempt upon all things Masonic. He is a marked man. He has been chosen to bear the Light to his fellow men—a great privilege indeed. Masonry flourishes, or suffers, in the public mind by his actions, and the public mind is quick to judge, to applaud, or to condemn. Masonry suffers from the actions of unrestrained Masons. Men forget that membership in an Institution founded on sublime principles and propagating holy ideals calls for a standard of life and conduct consistent with those principles, and that every time

they indulge in the questionable they drag not only themselves down, but they discredit the Institution."

Patriotism—In the heart of every true man is implanted a love for the country of his birth or adoption, and he feels it is his duty to support its institutions, to obey its laws, and, if need be, to defend it with his life. Masonry approves these sentiments, and enjoins us against engaging in plots or conspiracies against our country and its laws. It encourages us to strive by lawful and constitutional means to bring about such reforms as are desirable. A well-known Masonic writer says:

"Amongst other things, Freemasonry stands for Patriotism, the love of one's country, devotion to its interest and welfare and a determination to spend one's self in its service if necessary. Those who possess this Masonic virtue to the full are willing to sacrifice all personal interest, to go out and do all that is possible to establish and maintain the rights of their country against any other power whatever, whether it be the internal power of corruption in high or low places, or the power of a foreign aggressor. Masonry has ever stood for that kind of patriotism, and, we believe, will ever stand for it."

Suggestion—Make this "Patriotic Night" and deal with the subjects touched on in the outline or have an open meeting after Lodge featuring an address on "Canada's status within the Empire"; or "World Peace"; or a biographical sketch of some great Mason and patriot. Enliven the proceedings with appropriate song and story.

Questions for discussion—Can a conscientious pacifist be a good Mason? What is meant by 'V.M. & B.L. are the essential points of Masonry'? What is Masonry's teaching as to the manner in which "loyalty" should be expressed? What standards of friendship do the five Ps. of F. demand? Are they the same for a Masonic Brother as a non-Mason? Are the four tassels apt symbols of the cardinal virtues?

Subject for Debate—Resolved that the real measure of the growth of Masonry is the improvement of the members as individuals.

THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES

By M.W. Bro. J. W. MacNeill.

The name is taken from the Table, or Board that people sit around while deliberations are being proceeded with.

The object of a Board, or Body of Councillors, or Board of Control, or board appointed by a body that is large, is to have a smaller group that can more adequately expedite the business of that body than could be possible with the whole body in session. It is an executive and consultative committee. It is executive for carrying out the business, and consultative for the head of the Institution to confer with for the efficient carrying out of his duties and for the avoidance of mistakes, if the Board or Council is one of judgment and experience.

It has been found that the formation of a committee or Cabinet or Board, or some such smaller group, is essential to the successful carrying out of the wishes of the larger group, and to the general well-being of the larger group. To the successful carrying out of the wishes of any body of men, whether in church, state, or societies

of any form, the formation of a smaller group is essential. Experience has made that an axiom.

The formation of such a Board may be by different methods. They may be appointed, or they may be elected, or they may be a combination of both.

The British Parliamentary procedure for the formation of a Cabinet or Board to carry on the business of the greatest Empire in the world, is for the Prime Minister to select his Cabinet, or Board and only submit them to the King for approval. The Prime Minister is, in reality, the author and constructor of the Cabinet, or Board, and when he retires from whatever cause, it is the prerogative of his successor to select his Cabinet or Board who are to act in an executive and consultative capacity with him during the time he occupies that position.

Boards or Councils may be elected from the body so forming them at the annual meeting of that body. This is a practice of many companies, who, at each annual meeting elect a Board of Directors, or who may elect additions to the Board, or who may elect a portion of the Board for a term of years.

The practice of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan is to have part of the Board consist of Grand Lodge Officers who have been elected on several occasions, and Past Grand Masters who have been elected to several offices before reaching that exalted position. The Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Registrar and ten other members of Grand Lodge (five of whom shall be elected by ballot after nomination each year, and shall hold office for two years from the date of election) constitute the Board.

The practice then, in our Jurisdiction is, essentially, an elective one. It is true that certain members of the Board hold office by virtue of the rank they had in Grand Lodge, but the representative of the constituent Lodge, when voting for the candidate, knows that he is likewise electing him to membership on the Board of General Purposes.

The purpose of the Board is as set out in the Constitution, for the better carrying out of the general business of Grand Lodge.

The Board having been formed, proceeds like all other Councils or Board of Directors, to select standing Committees that shall deal with the business coming before the Board under the Constitution, which is the legal power given to the Board by the body of Grand Lodge.

It is interesting to notice the power, or rather the lack of power, conferred on the Committees of the Board. The language used and the authority given to the Committees in almost every case, is to "examine, consider and report", and in some cases, "recommend." Whatever power is given to the various committees is subject to the approval of the Board and in turn, to the approval of Grand Lodge.

It should be noticed that the Board of General Purposes is only empowered to carry on the business, financial and otherwise, which Grand Lodge entrusts to it between communications of Grand Lodge, and has no power to make regulations or follow any procedure not specifically set out in the Constitution.

The Board of General Purposes is the servant of Grand Lodge, and the duties which it has to carry out are specifically set out in the Constitution. It is important that the Board follow the law as set forth in the Constitution for its direction.

It is interesting to note that Sir Alfred Robbins, himself a Past-President of the Board of General Purposes of the United Grand Lodge of England, likens the Board to the Cabinet of the British Parliament.

Sir Alfred Robbins has this to say, in part, in his book, "English-Speaking Freemasonry": "As with Britain itself, Freemasonry has its Sovereign, its Cabinet and its central legislative authority. The President of the Board of General Purposes stands in the position of Prime Minister in the Masonic Cabinet. The Chairman of the Finance Committee, resembling the Chancellor of the Exchequer, carefully watches the balance-sheet with the income and expenditure, the duties of the Grand Treasurer being mainly acquiescent. The Chairman of the Foreign Committee stands in the place of the Foreign Secretary to the extent that the Board conducts communications with sister Grand Lodges and Brethren of eminence throughout the world. Freemasonry, therefore, as an organization, does not run of itself; its administration has to be systematically and most carefully watched; and discipline has to be steadily maintained. This is only done by continuous cordiality of work for the most part voluntarily rendered by devoted Freemasons specially skilled in the subjects brought before them; and to Grand Lodge is committed full charge of the whole."

Freemasonry in Canada has fashioned itself after that in the Old Land. Our procedure is to a very large extent, the procedure used in the Grand Lodges of the British Isles, which has, as one can see here, patterned itself in its evolutionary process along the lines of the British Parliament system.

Questions for discussion—Section 59 of the Constitution says "for the better carrying out of the business of Grand Lodge there shall be a Board of General Purposes"; discuss some of the ways in which the Board can facilitate the business of Grand Lodge? Name and discuss the duties of the Standing Committees of the Board. When a Standing Committee through its Chairman submits its report to Grand Lodge for approval when is it in order to discuss it? What constitutes an approved ruling of Grand Lodge?

THE GREAT PILLARS

By W. Bro. H. C. M. Brown.

"Our Lodges," we are told, "are supported by three great Pillars which are W. S. and B." These pillars are not to be confused with the Pillars which stood at the entrance of the Temple of K.S., but are more analogous to "The Pillars of Heaven" referred to in the Book of Job, Ch. 26, v. 11, or the concept of the prophet who declared in 1st Samuel, Ch. 2, v. 8, "The Pillars of the Earth are the Lord's, and he hath set the world upon them." There is this difference, however, that whereas in the conception of the Ancients these supporting columns were placed underneath as supports, on the top of which the heavens or the earth were set; with us, as speculative builders, the supporting columns are fashioned into the walls of the "tiled" enclosure wherein we may retire for contemplation undisturbed and unobserved by the curious or the cowan.

As in the building of any stately edifice there are three essentials which must be incorporated into it—viz. Wisdom in the planning, Strength in the construction, and Beauty in line and proportion to please the sense of the aesthetic in the mind of the workmen

as well as the beholders—so in our conception of the Temple at Jerusalem were incorporated the Wisdom of King Solomon — the Strength supplied by H. K. T. and the Beauty of workmanship of H. A. in adorning the same.

Above the idea of preserving the memory of the contribution of these illustrious characters to the fashioning of the First Temple, on which our conception of the Temple of Freemasonry is patterned, is the recognition that these all were Divinely inspired and so we have sought to incorporate those Divine attributes which we ascribe to the inspiring genius of the Creator. His Wisdom is Infinite, His Strength is Omnipotent and His Beauty shines forth throughout the whole Creation.

A Masonic Lodge, referring, of course, not to a building but to the men who meet within it, is the symbolic expression of the Universe, i.e., God's creation. In this cosmic universe we readily perceive evidences of these three Divine attributes. The Divine plan of the Universe, baffling our complete understanding, predicates the Infinite Wisdom of the Creator—the concrete expression of His Omnipotent Strength our scientists have partially discovered in the immeasurable energy of the electron—while even the least imperceptible is conscious of His attribute of Creative Beauty, discernible everywhere in nature, even in the simplest wild flower.

Speaking of a Masonic Lodge as the body of Masons meeting together where then do we expect to find the representations of these three supporting Pillars, which are themselves emblematic of the three Divine attributes? In the Lecture in the E.A.D. we are told that, in the Temple of the Deity whom we serve, W., S. and B. are about his throne as Pillars of his works. In our Lodges can we not fairly infer that the centre where we seek to find that which was I—, is the emblematic representation of His Throne, and that those who are about the Centre are the W.M., the S.W. and the J.W. who are situated respectively in the E., the W. and the S.—and who would thus be the representatives of the three Pillars, emblematic of the three Divine attributes, W., S. and B. in the order named.

The correctness of this is affirmed by the conclusions of students and writers on symbolism, who find that the S.W. represents H. K. T. and the J.W. represents H. A. while undoubtedly the W.M. is the humble representative of K. S. This identification coincides with the reference made also in the Lecture in the E.A.D. to the contribution of each to the building of K. S. T. No one would doubt the correctness of placing the representative of the Pillar of Wisdom in the E. for learning, i.e. Wisdom, originated in the E. and he is placed in the E. to instruct his Brethren. There are some, however, who would consider the J.W., who may be said to represent the physical side of man, as properly representing the Pillar of Strength rather than the S.W., but when our Lodges are at work the column of the J.W. is down while that of the S.W. is raised—indicating the ascendancy of the Soul over the body. The beauty of the physical in nature may wither and die—dust to dust—but the Soul is immortal and returns to God who gave it.

Considering the matter from the viewpoint of each individual as a Temple of God it is obvious that a person who has Wisdom and Strength but no Beauty of character, will become a selfish tyrant; one who has Wisdom and Beauty but lacks Strength of character is wanting in forcefulness and usefulness, while one who

has Beauty and Strength but no Wisdom is an aimless wanderer lacking perception and conception. But the individual directed by Wisdom—supported by Strength of Purpose—and beautified by the radiance of a Pure Soul is indeed the noblest creation of the Divinity “from whom all goodness emanates.”

But why only three Pillars? Are we to assume there are but three Divine attributes? Not at all! The Divinity is perfection, we his creatures are imperfect. Imperfection cannot comprehend perfection fully. Our quest is not yet fully satisfied!

Questions for discussion—How does the responsibility of the S.W. to close the Lodge indicate Strength? Why have we no column on the W.M.'s pedestal? What is the implication in “wisdom to contrive”? What is the meaning of “we refer them to the three most celebrated which are the Doric, Ionic and Corinthian”? What is the place of these orders of Architecture in the history of the progress of civilisation?

Subject for Debate—Resolved that to substitute “Harmony” for “Beauty” would better interpret the original symbolism of the third Pillar.

THE VOLUME OF THE SACRED LAW

By W. Bro. S. J. A. Branion.

The first thing which material light reveals to the Initiate is The Volume of the Sacred Law. Natural light thus presents to him, at a tense moment, The Great Light of Masonry.

Masonry's reverence for that Volume is shown by the Volume's position in the Lodge—central and sacred. Its presence there is one of the ancient landmarks. So essential is it, that without it the Lodge cannot be constituted; much less can it open its session or do any work.

The Volume of the Sacred Law is derived from God to man in general because the Almighty has been pleased to reveal more of His Divine Will in that Holy Book than He has by any other means. In this we find the central truth of Masonic faith—the recognition of a Supreme Being who rewards virtue and punishes vice.

If our Lodges were operative, the Volume of the Sacred Law might still supply instruction and guidance to the Masons in their attitude toward their work, toward one another and toward the architect who provides the plans for the building. But we are speculative Masons, each building a spiritual temple. How much more, then, is necessary for us the revelation of Divine Will, the enlightening of the human spirit, the inspiration of courage and fidelity to trust. In the Volume of the Sacred Law are found this revelation, and inspiration and approach to the Unseen. Thus for us is mortal life linked to immortal destiny.

A Mason of this Jurisdiction in perusing this paper to this point has no doubt thought many times of the Holy Bible, but if he looks back he will observe that not until now has the Holy Bible been mentioned. In our Lodges the Bible is the Volume of the Sacred Law. But the Bible is only one of many volumes of Sacred Law in the world and in Masonry. For us, then, as Masons the Holy Bible not only is the rule and guide of our faith but it also symbolizes for us all Holy Books of all faiths. It does not in any way tend to set us apart from Masons who are non-Christians; rather

it impresses upon us our world brotherhood. It teaches us that there is a way of life on which all true men can travel together without identity of religious faith or of religious ceremony. "Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believe in the Architect of Heaven and Earth and practices the sacred duties of morality."

If a Lodge were composed of Jews only, then no doubt the Altar would support a copy of the Old Testament. If all members were Mohammedans, the Koran would be used; if all were Brahmins, the Vedas. Where Lodges are of mixed membership, as often happens, particularly in the Orient, several Sacred Law volumes may lie upon the Altar at the same time, and the candidate, as well as the skilled Brother, will direct his attention to that one of those Volumes which to him reveals the Divine Will.

Many of our Lodges in Christian countries have Jewish members. It is not necessary, however, to have a second Volume of the Sacred Law in those Lodges because the Jewish Brother's Sacred Volume is already there. The close binding of another Volume with it does not change the content of the former. Moreover the passages so frequently used in our ceremonies are so chosen that the Jewish Brother and the Christian Brother find themselves in accord.

The Volume of the Sacred Law being so important to a Masonic Lodge, so vital to Masonic life and teaching, one can imagine the Brahmin and the Mohammedan Masons exercising great diligence to increase their knowledge of the contents of their Sacred Volumes and to discover the best interpretation and application of its principles. We always commend the Bible to our new members for the same purposes. How deeply the commendation is taken to heart each Brother must consider for himself. The good Mason will from time to time examine himself as to the progress which he has made in his knowledge of the contents of Holy Writ since he became an apprentice in the Craft.

Some of our Lodges make a practice of presenting a specially bound and suitably inscribed copy of the Sacred Volume to each Master Mason who on examination has proven himself. It is a practice which has much to commend it. Among other advantages it gives opportunity to some skilled Brother to emphasize the value of the Book to the workman himself and to the Craft as a whole.

One of the privileges and duties of Masonry is to keep alive and spread the ideals of tolerance, liberty and individual responsibility. We have a right to be proud of the influence which the Bible has had in this respect. Jeremiah in the Old Testament struggled through much puzzlement to the recognition of the right of the individual person to establish a direct relation with the Divine, independent of priestly or ceremonial aid or support. In the New Testament the paramount worth of the individual soul is a cardinal principle. The world needs today, perhaps as never before, leavening influences which will not allow social and corporate activity, however necessary or wise, to destroy individual growth in knowledge, wisdom and responsibility. Masonry by the training which it gives to its members is such an influence. A Craftsman always feels the duty of cultivating those Divine Attributes with which God has endowed him so that he may be able to show forth His glory and contribute to the happiness of mankind.

Questions for discussion—What fraction of the Initiation Ceremony is taken from or has reference to any part of the Bible,

a quarter, a half, more? Try to answer the same question about passing and raising. Could you without guidance of any kind open the Bible at the proper first, second or third place? What reasons can you give for the choice of those places?

QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP

By R.W. Bro. A. W. Ingram.

In times of economic prosperity large numbers of candidates are both eager and able to join Freemasonry, while in times of financial stringency the numbers seeking admission are comparatively few. We have seen this demonstrated in this Jurisdiction in the past ten years. Both situations have their dangers—in the former case the wave of popularity may sweep in unsuitable material; in the latter, we may become less exacting in our requirements. But whether material conditions be prosperous, adverse or normal, the standard of, and qualifications for, membership must remain constant and unvarying.

Freemasonry adheres strictly to certain well defined principles. These well defined principles lie at the foundation of the structure, are unchanged by outward conditions, and strict adherence thereto is fundamental to the maintenance of the system. One of these basic principles is that no matter how promising the material may seem Masonry nevertheless insists on strict compliance with the unvarying regulation that no man shall be solicited to become a member of the Order. Masonry's value must be self-evident. It must make its appeal by reason of its inherent worth. Men are offered no inducement to become members of the Institution. Solicitation would strike at the very foundations of Freemasonry. Not through solicitation but from a favourable opinion of the Institution conceived beforehand must continue to be the seekers' approach to Masonry.

But what of the candidate who knocks at the door and seeks admission? Under what conditions will you admit him—in other words, what are the qualifications for membership? It is no easy matter to answer this question. It is not a subject that can be disposed of in a summary way. Applying the standard of judgment to each individual requires wisdom and understanding and involves a heavy responsibility. To reject a worthy man, who has in him the makings of a good Mason, means loss not only to him but even more to the Craft; whilst to admit one of the wrong type is to harm the Craft and to cause disappointment to the man himself. It must never be forgotten that while we owe a duty to every applicant and to his sponsors, that is of secondary importance to our responsibility to the Institution. In evaluating the worth of any candidate we are dealing in unknown qualities, for no one knows the mind of man. How much easier our task would be if we could judge by some outward standard!

Before we proceed with the Ceremony of Initiation the candidate assures us that he is freeborn and of age. That, however, is not sufficient. We demand that the tongue of good report shall have been heard in his favour—and without this the other two qualifications would never procure his admission to any Lodge. But what is this tongue of good report that must be heard in his favour, and which will dispose us to feel that we are ready to welcome him as a Brother in our midst? It is not that he is prosperous, popular,

or prominent; not that he can measure up to certain physical standards; and certainly not that we want to satisfy his curiosity, give him social standing, or business advantage. It is, that the general tenor and trend of the man's life has been good. He may have made mistakes. We are not looking for a Perfect Ashlar, but one which, even in its rough and unpolished state, gives certain promise of strength and beauty. Character, not reputation, is the standard.

As an Operative Mason would select only such material as he is convinced will strengthen and adorn the building, so the Speculative Mason should ask himself whether this man, who offers himself as a candidate for Freemasonry is up to the standard; will he make good material for the Masonic structure; serve Masonry faithfully and well and do it honour?

As members of the Craft, if we have learned its secret, we should be qualified to judge fairly of the suitability of an applicant for membership. We should be able to detect in him the evidence of those high standards and the strivings toward ideals which Masonry approves and encourages. We may ask, therefore, is the candidate properly prepared in heart; free from prejudice, selfishness, love of disputation? Does he, in fact, come humbly soliciting to be admitted to and desire what Masonry has to give him, or is he seeking something else? Is he willing to learn? Will the reputation he bears where he is best known justify us in trusting him with that which is most sacred and worthwhile in life? Is he religious in the deeper sense of reverence toward, and worship of, God? If we are fully satisfied that he is such a man we will then make no mistake in admitting him within the portals of the Lodge. He will be worthy material for the Temple.

"There remains here only to remark that perhaps, after all, the chief essential qualification in any candidate is a right motive."

Questions for discussion—What is the history of the qualification "Free by Birth"? Why is solicitation an evil? Should we let a candidate know who are on the Investigating Committee? What motives should prompt a man to offer himself a candidate for Freemasonry? What motives should cause him to be rejected? A man having been rejected for wrong motives, what attitude should be taken in the event of a later application by him? How can the admission of the wrong type of material undermine a Lodge?

Subject for Debate—Resolved that the condition of no solicitation for membership gives Freemasonry a peculiar strength.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE

We herewith submit a brief review of the proceedings of 67 Jurisdictions, all that were available on May 1st of the present year. On the whole a feeling of optimism prevails and it is thought that prospects are brighter than for a number of years past. Losses in membership still continue but they are less than in previous years. According to figures published by the Grand Lodge of Iowa the total loss in the United States in 1937 was 66,261 as compared with 100,358 in 1936 and 171,156 in 1934, when the greatest reported loss was sustained. From 1932 to 1937 the membership in the United States decreased from 3,224,695 to 2,599,250, a loss of 625,445, or approximately 20%. During the last year 42 Jurisdictions in the prospects are brighter than for a number of years past. Losses in

some Jurisdictions have been most pronounced; New York has lost 77,000 since 1930, the loss in 1936 exceeding 9,000; in Illinois much the same condition has prevailed as the loss there has been as high as 10,000 in one year. Many Southern Jurisdictions have lost very heavily; in one of them the membership at one time reached about 70,000 whereas to-day the total number of members is only slightly over 40,000.

In Canada the total losses in all Jurisdictions last year totalled 4,811; all Jurisdictions suffered a loss except Manitoba which reported a gain of 29. The loss in Canada while continuous for several years past has not been so much as in the United States and has amounted to between 14% and 15%. In Australia the membership in several Jurisdictions has remained almost stationary. In some Jurisdictions there has been an increase, Western Australia reporting that the membership has increased by 25% in the last ten years.

The Grand Lodge of England, despite the losses elsewhere, appears to grow from year to year. In 1926 there were 4,194 Lodges, in 1935 there were 4,894 Lodges, and in 1936 4,943 Lodges, of which 1,221 were in London, 2,990 in the provinces and 730 overseas in various parts of the Empire. Many reasons are assigned by Masonic writers in explaining the continued progress made by the Grand Lodge of England. In England Masonry is considered one of the bulwarks of Empire, a very large percentage of prominent public men are members and members of the Royal Family have always been connected with it; the charitable work of the Grand Lodge of England is outstanding, the school for boys, the school for girls, the hospital work and the home for the aged and infirm are nationally known institutions and are favourably spoken of everywhere. The dignity of the institution is always favourably commented upon, and anyone who has ever attended a Masonic gathering in England has been impressed by the dignity and precision with which every ceremony is conducted. Masonry there has always avoided matters of politics and religion and has thus strictly observed the ancient charges in this respect; Masonry there avoids all public display; greater care is said to be taken in the selection of candidates; and there is more regular attendance and greater interest on the part of the members.

Many Jurisdictions, especially on this continent have felt the stress of the times in matters of finance. In some, difficulty has arisen owing to expensive Masonic Homes and with a smaller revenue from a decreased membership. Many constituent Lodges have found difficulty on account of building temples and in some Jurisdictions committees have been set up by Grand Lodge with the object of preventing building projects unless properly financed. Speaking generally, however, financial conditions have improved when compared with three or four years ago. It has been found necessary in some Jurisdictions to levy special assessments to take care of charities and the per capita tax has in some cases been increased. It is interesting to observe that in many Jurisdictions the per capita tax is \$1.75 and \$2.00, in some \$2.50, and in a few cases as high as \$3.50 and \$4.50. In no Jurisdiction of which I am aware is the assessment lower than in Saskatchewan.

A project which is causing the Masons of the United States considerable difficulty is the George Washington National Masonic Memorial at Alexandria, Virginia. The memorial is an impressive and imposing structure, can be seen for miles around and is in every

way worthy of the great historical figure in whose memory it has been erected. While the exterior is completed it is still incomplete within and the interior presents to visitors a desolate appearance. It was first projected in 1918 and the cornerstone was laid on November 1st, 1923. An assessment of \$1.70 per member throughout the States was levied, \$1.00 to defray the cost of the building and seventy cents for maintenance. Ten Grand Lodges paid the assessment in full, some paying more, one having paid \$3.00 per member. The amount still necessary to assure completion is variously estimated at \$333,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00. The subject is much discussed in many Grand Lodges and efforts are being made to raise the necessary money. At the last meeting of the Memorial Association the amount of \$70,000.00 was contributed. The situation is a disappointment to many Masons in the United States and has led many Grand Masters to express the opinion that the uncompleted memorial is a discredit to Freemasonry.

The Grand Lodge of Texas in 1936, after a full investigation, decided to withdraw recognition from the York Grand Lodge of Mexico and to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge Cosmos, Chihuahua, in one of the Mexican states, because the York Grand Lodge claims jurisdiction over all Mexico. The step was taken with the greatest regret and in order to conform with Masonic law. The York Grand Lodge has chartered Lodges in a number of the Mexican states and is composed of foreigners residing in Mexico. It has been recognized by many Grand Lodges in the English speaking world and so far no other Grand Lodge has followed the example of the Grand Lodge of Texas although it appears that technically the course followed by the Grand Lodge of Texas is correct. There are in Mexico seventeen strictly Mexican Grand Lodges in the various states; some of these are recognized by some of the American Jurisdictions, Louisiana recognizing eight. These seventeen Grand Lodges hold a Masonic Congress each year similar to the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington at which they deliberate upon the regularity of the various bodies and the matter of territorial jurisdiction. In the State of Texas there are eighty Mexican Lodges established by the Grand Lodges in Mexico. All of these are considered clandestine by the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Among the problems confronting the Craft in many Jurisdictions is that of life membership because of the fact that the finances of many constituent Lodges and of Grand Lodges are being seriously affected by the practice. There is a very strong body of opinion that life memberships should only be conferred as a reward for meritorious service, or in other words should be restricted to honorary life membership; and if the practice is to be continued for a monetary consideration, it should be only at such a figure as will not detrimentally affect the finances of the constituent Lodge granting it or of Grand Lodge.

Fraternally submitted,

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Chairman of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

ALABAMA

117th Annual Communication at Montgomery, November 30th and December 1st, 1937. Grand Master Coke S. Wright. Lodges 460. Members 28,187. Gain 3. Prior to the opening of Grand Lodge on the evening of November 30th the Brethren assembled in the Grand

Lodge Hall for the purpose of receiving a visit from the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star and her staff of officers.

Five Past Grand Masters were present and 245 Lodges were represented. 53 Grand Jurisdictions were represented among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Joseph D. Pruett. The Grand Representatives were welcomed by the Grand Master and were requested to extend the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Alabama to their respective Grand Lodges.

A Special Communication was held on April 30th, 1937, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. Duncan C. Carmichael, Grand Master in 1924-25. The proceedings contain a memorial page to this distinguished Brother.

The Grand Master referred to the Masonic Home stating that the residents are happy and comfortable. The Home was visited by a large number of the Brethren on the afternoon of December 1st. On April 6th, 1937, a terrific storm struck the Home but no one was injured. Some damage was done to the buildings but the repair bill was small. The total debt against the Home is about \$55,000.00 and the assets are valued at \$446,000.00. The Grand Master paid special tribute to the work of the Order of the Eastern Star in providing many necessities and luxuries for the residents in the Home and also many cash donations. The total cost of operating the Home for the year was \$43,762.00 and the revenue was \$48,511.00, a surplus of \$4,748.00.

This is one of the few Jurisdictions reporting an increase in membership and while it is small it is encouraging.

M.W. Bro. Samuel D. Adams is Grand Master for 1938. There is no review of correspondence.

ALBERTA

32nd Annual Communication at Calgary, June 9th and 10th, 1937. Grand Master V. H. Macaulay. Lodges 156. Members 11,366. Loss 782. 12 Past Grand Masters were present and 38 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by M.W. Bro. W. J. Botterill. 122 constituent Lodges were represented. Among the distinguished visitors were M.W. Bro. John Cain and R.W. Bro. Luther T. Hauberg, Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively of the Grand Lodge of Montana, and V.W. Bro. R. A. Tate, Assistant Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan. The Mayor of Calgary, R.W. Bro. A. Davison, extended a welcome on behalf of the City.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the death on April 1st, 1937, of M.W. Bro. W. M. Logan, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario. M.W. Bro. Logan had visited the Grand Lodge of Alberta on several occasions and had promised to attend the sessions this year. The Grand Master spoke of him as "a gentleman, a scholar of note and a Mason of great experience." The Grand Master also referred to the death on March 17th, 1937, at Redcliff of Bro. William Henderson, 98 years of age, and the oldest Mason in Alberta.

In January of 1937 Alberta was flooded with lottery tickets coming from Windsor, Ontario, and issued by the Shrine Club and Temple Association of that City. Shortly afterwards a letter of apology was received from the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario regretting the impropriety on the part of mem-

bers of the Craft. In his address the Grand Master condemned the raising of money by lotteries and stated that the sale of lottery tickets was a contravention of the Criminal Code.

The Grand Master attended the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in November, 1936. On his voyage across the ocean he had the company of the Grand Masters of Montana, South Carolina, and Delaware. For a week he was the guest of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and nothing was left undone which would contribute to his enjoyment. The occasion was a common meeting ground for universal Masonry and advantage was taken to promote the true basis of world peace, namely, common understanding. Delegates had every opportunity of becoming mutually acquainted and discussing common problems. The real purpose of the gathering of course was to celebrate the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the installation of the Duke of York as Grand Master Mason. The 30th of November, 1736, the anniversary of St. Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland, saw the birth of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and, accordingly, that was the date of the celebration. The Grand Master was much impressed by the great dignity with which Freemasonry is surrounded in Scotland and by the fellowship and benevolence of the Institution.

There has been a definite improvement in the financial condition of many Lodges and the number of applicants has increased. Outstanding dues decreased by 40%. The Grand Master, however, raised certain interesting questions: (1) Has Freemasonry lost its appeal to the rising generation? (2) Are initiation fees too high? (3) Are Lodges functioning in a manner capable of attracting the younger men? As to the latter question he felt that there was much room for brightening the meetings with greater attention to punctuality and early closing.

The loss in membership was 782 as compared with 405 last year. The decrease in number was no doubt caused by suspensions for non-payment of dues. Many of the Lodges carefully went into the matter and retained in good standing those who were worthy by remitting their dues. 59 Life Members were registered since last year making the total of Life Members 766.

There is a Benevolent Fund of \$190,000.00 and the sum of \$13,226.00 was expended on relief during the year. The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Porto Rico, Paraiba (Brazil), Peru and Vienna.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. A. M. Mitchell, assisted by several members of the Committee. In a foreword Bro. Mitchell states that the best note in a general view of the proceedings for the year is that of hope and optimism. Almost all Jurisdictions report membership improving in that the tide of loss is definitely less. Financial conditions have much improved. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 receive very kindly attention.

ARIZONA

55th Annual Communication at Globe, March 10th and 11th, 1937. Grand Master James R. Malott. Lodges 39. Members 5,635. Loss 66. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present and all the constituent Lodges were represented. A Special Communication was held at Phoenix on May 1st, 1936, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. Edwin S. Millar, who was Grand Master

in 1905. There was also a Special Communication on November 29th, 1936, at Bisbee for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. George A. Bridge, Grand Master in 1915.

With the resumption of mining activity in the State the Lodges, particularly those in the mining districts, are enjoying a period of prosperity; there is an increase in the number of petitions and a decrease in the number of suspensions. The loss in membership is very small, being only about 1% of the total membership.

The Grand Master referred at length to the condition of Grand Lodge finances, stating that the Home Endowment Fund, the proceeds of which are used to care for widows and orphans, is replenished by a per capita tax of 50 cents and by interest from investments; that the 50 cents per capita cannot be used directly for relief but is placed to the credit of the principal fund. At present \$1.80 per capita is being expended for relief and the Grand Master recommended that the 50 cents per capita be diverted temporarily into a special relief fund to be used only when the income from the investments is insufficient to cover the relief needs.

The Grand Master referred to the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland stating that he had communicated his regret at not being able to attend and extend the good wishes of the Masons of Arizona. One of the Brethren who contemplated a trip to Scotland, W. Bro. George L. Bradley of Tuscon, was appointed special representative of the Grand Master but was unfortunately prevented by illness from making the journey.

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Barnett E. Marks, attended the Conference of Grand Masters held at Washington and reported at length on the subjects there discussed and also as to the meeting of the George Washington Masonic Memorial Association. At this meeting approximately \$70,000.00 was paid towards the completion of the Memorial. Arizona stands third in per capita contributions to the Memorial.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Lloyd C. Henning. 53 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1936. The Review of the Saskatchewan Proceedings is by Bro. John K. Chilton and all the activities of this Grand Lodge are very fully and very kindly referred to. There is a very complimentary reference to the present Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Estey, and to the address of M.W. Bro. J. R. Yorke.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

66th Annual Communication at Vancouver, June 17th and 18th, 1937. Grand Master Samuel McClure. Lodges 118. Members 13,705. Loss 395. An Emergent Communication was held at Oliver on August 12th, 1936, for the purpose of constituting Southern Gate Lodge No. 124. The occasion was one long to be remembered in that several visitors from the State of Washington were present, including R.W. Bro. W. G. Matthews, the Senior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Washington.

15 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication and 40 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by M.W. Bro. H. B. Morley. A civic welcome was extended by Alderman John Bennett representing the Mayor of Vancouver and an address was delivered by the Grand Chaplain,

R.W. Bro. Canon H. G. King, on the subject "The Freemasonry of Humanity."

The Grand Master cabled the sincere assurance of the unfailing loyalty and devotion of the Masons of British Columbia on the occasion of the Coronation to their Majesties the King and Queen.

The Grand Master, in referring to his various visitations, stated that the greatest privilege he had during the year was the opportunity presented for intimate relations with the Brethren of the various Lodges, not only in the centres of population but also in the more remote districts.

In speaking of Masonry the Grand Master said that its value could only be judged by its influence on men's lives and by the force thus exercised on community example and effort; that the acid test of all systems is what do they accomplish in the every day life of mankind? He is of the opinion that the Masons of British Columbia are earnestly striving to show the worth of the Fraternity in the upbuilding of the character of the community. He paid tribute to the veteran Brethren whose long and faithful service had increased their love for the Order and their desire to contribute still further to its advancement.

M.W. Bro. H. H. Watson represented the Grand Lodge at the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in November, 1936. M.W. Bro. Watson was accompanied by M.W. Bro. F. J. Burd. These Brethren also visited the officers of the Grand Lodge of England and devoted much of their time to visits to Lodges in both England and Scotland. Since their return they have kindly acceded to many requests for addresses at Lodge meetings.

M.W. Bro. C. O. Davidson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan, was introduced as a distinguished visitor.

The General Account showed a substantial surplus in the operations for the year. There is a Benevolent Fund of \$420,000.00.

The Grand Secretary reported that returns from all Lodges had been received and that all dues were paid within the statutory time.

The Board of Benevolence, in reporting the expenditure of \$8,757.00, reminded the Brethren that as trustees they were responsible for the Trust Fund and must keep in mind the business side as well as the Fraternal and that they were ready to assist the Lodges in all matters coming within their powers as set out in the constitution.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. W. A. DeWolf Smith, Grand Secretary. In a foreword the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland is described as the outstanding Masonic event of the year. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very fully and kindly reviewed. Comment is made on the action of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in recognizing the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings, "because some other Grand Lodges had recognized it." The writer is quite aware of the criticism which may be offered with respect to the recognition of this Grand Lodge in Czechoslovakia. There are two Grand Lodges in that country but they are in complete harmony and because of differences in language both seem necessary. For this reason they have both been accorded very wide recognition.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA (IN ONTARIO)

82nd Annual Communication at the City of Ottawa, July 21st and 22nd, 1937. Lodges 568. Members 98,733. Loss 2,829. Five

Past Grand Masters were present and 53 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The representatives of 481 Lodges were in attendance. An address of welcome was given by Bro. Stanley J. Lewis, the Mayor of Ottawa. On behalf of all the Masters of the Lodges of Ottawa M.W. Bro. W. H. Cunningham extended a welcome. The Grand Masters of Quebec, Nova Scotia, Michigan and Vermont were distinguished visitors.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that this was Coronation Year and accordingly it was fitting that the Annual Communication be held in the Capital of the Dominion. He traced the early history of Ottawa and stated that Masonry was first established in Bytown (Ottawa) in 1848 when a dispensation was granted to Dalhousie Lodge by Sir Allan McNab, the Provincial Grand Master in Canada under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England. This was seven years before the foundation of the Grand Lodge of Canada in 1855.

The Grand Master represented the Grand Lodge on the occasion of the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland on November 30th, 1936, and witnessed the Installation of the Duke of York as Grand Master Mason. In reporting to Grand Lodge he stated that Masons were present from all quarters of the globe, 62 different bodies being represented. The occasion was a most important one on account of the contact made and the opportunity extended for the exchange of views. The event was a wonderful gesture to all the peoples of the world and it was most gratifying that in the present world atmosphere representatives from all portions of the world owing allegiance to various rulers and holding varied views of social and governmental matters met together in peace and harmony and extended to each other the hand of friendship.

Extended reference was made by the Grand Master to the death of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. William M. Logan, who passed away in the month of April, 1937. He had been Grand Secretary for a period of 19 years. The Grand Master paid a splendid tribute to his work stating that he possessed great natural ability, a highly cultivated mind and valuable experience as an educator. Great sorrow was expressed in every part of the Jurisdiction and many letters were received from other Jurisdictions expressing regret. As Acting Grand Secretary, R.W. Bro. Ewart G. Dixon of the City of Hamilton was appointed.

The Grand Master sounded a warning with respect to lotteries and gambling practices sponsored by Masons for charitable purposes. He stated that gambling and lotteries are contrary to the law and that Masons are charged with the duty of respecting and upholding the law. He expressed the view that if the practices continue it may be necessary to legislate and make the practices Masonic Offences.

Reference was made to a number of the constituent Lodges which, in prosperous times embarked upon expensive building projects and as a result of the depression, now find themselves in an embarrassing financial position. Debts overhanging Masonic bodies have had a serious effect both here and in some of the Jurisdictions of the United States and in some instances Lodges have applied to Grand Lodge for assistance. The Grand Master, however, stated that constituent Lodges in financial matters must stand or fall as a result of their own efforts as Grand Lodge has its own financial problems and should not be involved in the financial difficulties of the Lodges.

The Committee on Fraternal Relations recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Sweden but advised delay in the application of the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro.

The Committee on Benevolence reported an expenditure of \$110,397.00 from Grand Lodge funds and \$125,000.00 in grants made by Lodges. In its report the Committee emphasized the fact that benevolence is first of all the responsibility of the constituent Lodge and that any contribution made by the Benevolent Committee should be considered only as an assisting factor.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. W. N. Ponton, Past Grand Master. In a foreword Bro. Ponton states that Freemasonry is a great example of unity in diversity and diversity in unity linked together by tradition and good will. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are reviewed in great detail, nothing of consequence being omitted. The writer is always impressed by the thoroughness of the reviews of Bro. Ponton and often wonders how he finds the time necessary to complete his work with such detail.

CALIFORNIA

88th Annual Communication at San Francisco, October 12th and 13th, 1937. Grand Master R. W. Miller. Lodges 680. Members 127,301. Loss 427. The Grand Master reported throughout the Jurisdiction an encouraging trend towards a healthier condition in all the Lodges. The attendance at meetings has increased, there are more petitions for initiation and substantial reductions are being made in delinquent dues. The loss in membership was less than one-third of that in the previous year and the total receipts were greater than in the previous year.

There were sixteen special communications during the year, four of which were in the Hawaiian Islands. Thirteen of the communications were for the purpose of laying cornerstones, two for the installation of officers and one for the purpose of dedicating a Masonic Temple.

The Grand Master early in the year appointed a committee on Masonic Education. This Committee made an exhaustive study of the subject and reached the conclusion that the Lodge system of education adopted in several Jurisdictions was best suited to the needs in California.

The Grand Master referred at length to his visits to the Lodges in the Hawaiian Islands and reported that splendid progress was being made. He stated that the hospitality of the Brethren there would long be remembered by him. He was unable to attend the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and appointed M.W. Bro. William R. Hervey to attend the celebration.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the 150th Anniversary of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States and he suggested that during the sessions of Grand Lodge at least one hour be set aside for the purpose of commemorating this historic event.

The loss in membership for the year was only 427 as compared with 1,598 in 1936 and 4,363 in 1935. Twenty years ago the membership was 60,384; to-day it is 127,301. During these twenty years there have been 33,565 suspensions for non-payment of dues. During the last six years the net loss in membership has been 15,116 and in that period the dues of 35,870 members have been remitted.

The receipts for the year were very satisfactory, exceeding the amount received for several years past and the finances generally are in an exceedingly sound position. The total amount of the per capita for the Masonic Homes for maintenance and building was \$153,744.00, and for the same purpose the sum of \$92,750.00 was obtained from the initiation tax. In the General Fund there are assets valued at \$741,000.00. The maintenance of the Home at Covina cost \$96,395.00 and of the Home at Decoto \$114,500.00. In the Home at Decoto there are 352 residents and in that at Covina 148 residents. There is an Endowment Fund of about \$1,000,000.00. The per capita levy for all purposes is \$1.65.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Jesse M. Whitehead. It is Bro. Whitehead's fourteenth review. The Review is topical and contains a very interesting statement as to the trouble between the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands and the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland, and Massachusetts because of the fact that the Grand Lodge of the Philippines charter Lodges in China. There is also a very interesting statement as to whether membership in a Masonic Lodge should be made easy or difficult to attain. Extensive reference is made to important events in many Jurisdictions.

COLORADO

77th Annual Communication at Denver, September 21st and 22nd, 1937. Grand Master William R. Arthur. Lodges 147. Members 30,074. Loss 370. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present and 138 out of 147 Lodges were represented. The Past Grand Masters were presented by the Grand Marshall, welcomed by the Grand Master and escorted to the East. 54 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Edward C. Hanley.

This Grand Lodge laid the cornerstones of seven public buildings during the year. The Grand Master visited all of the 147 Lodges and in doing so travelled 36,000 miles by automobile. He reported an improvement in the condition of many of the Lodges.

The General Fund showed a surplus for the year. The sum of approximately \$2,000.00 was raised to assist in Flood Relief in Kentucky.

The question of recognition of certain Grand Lodges was referred to the Committee on Correspondence and the members of a committee on Rules for the Recognition of Grand Lodges. The object apparently is to modify some of the requirements for the recognition of Grand Lodges and to report at the next annual communication.

The securities in the Benevolent Fund are valued at \$278,000.00. 85 relief cases were cared for during the past year involving an expenditure of \$19,660.00.

The number of degrees conferred has steadily increased since 1934 and there is an encouraging note of optimism among the Lodges—a great improvement over the condition of a few years ago.

R.W. Bro. Benjamin C. Hilliard, Grand Orator, delivered an address on the subject "Romance of the First Settlers" in which he told the story of the settlement of much of the country West of the Mississippi River.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Stanley C. Warner. This is Bro. Warner's twentieth annual report. 63 Jurisdic-

tions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1937. There is a lengthy reference to the remarks of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, on the subject of Masonic Education and to the report of the Trustees of the Benevolent Fund.

CONNECTICUT

149th Annual Communication at Hartford, February 3rd and 4th, 1937. Grand Master Arthur F. Lewis. Lodges 128. Members 37,128. Loss 1,141. 15 Past Grand Masters were present and distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of the District of Columbia, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, New York and Massachusetts.

A Special Communication was held on October 21st, 1936, for the purpose of dedicating the Hall of Friendship Lodge No. 33. There was also a Special Communication on September 19th, 1936, in Ridgefield for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. Clarence R. Austin, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master visited a number of the Lodges during the year and made frequent visits to the Masonic Home. He also visited several neighbouring Grand Jurisdictions and attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington. He referred in his address to the George Washington Memorial and stated it was a disgrace to Masonry in the United States that the Memorial still remained uncompleted.

The Grand Master made extended reference to games of chance stating that he had no complaint to make with reference to the conduct of the Lodges but had difficulty with some of the organizations affiliated with Masonry and that though he had no jurisdiction over them he had authority over each member and that upon a recurrence of the offence he would ask the Grand Junior Warden to prefer charges. He thinks that the continuous breaking of the law of the Craft and the law of the Nation will destroy the value of Masonry and eventually lead to its downfall.

The Grand Master was unable to attend the Bicentenary Celebration of the Grand Lodge of Scotland but being of the opinion that Connecticut should be represented he chose M.W. Bro. Winthrop Buck to represent the Grand Lodge. M.W. Bro. Buck reported a most interesting experience in attending the Bicentenary and gave the Grand Lodge a most extensive report of the proceedings.

The Masonic Home appears to be performing a splendid work in Connecticut. There are 213 residents in the Home, 59 in the Hospital and in addition 59 men and women and 96 children are being maintained outside the Home. The total cost of maintenance for 1936 was \$212,000.00. The income received from Grand Lodge was \$145,000.00 and the excess expenditure over income, including revenue from the Endowment Fund, was \$15,465.00. There is an Endowment Fund of \$514,000.00.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Winthrop Buck. In a foreword Bro. Buck makes reference to the death a year ago of M.W. Bro. George A. Kies, who had been the reviewer for the Grand Lodge of Connecticut for many years. He refers to him as a ready writer and commentator and states that he cannot hope to do the work as well. Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very fully and kindly referred to.

COSTA RICA

The proceedings are in the Spanish language and the writer is unfortunately not able to translate them. The Grand Master is M.W. Bro. Stanley Lindo. There are six Lodges with a total membership of 274. There was a loss in membership of 23 during the year.

CUBA

The Proceedings of this Grand Lodge have reached the office of the Grand Secretary but as it is in the Spanish language the writer is unable to review them. The Grand Master is Aurelio Miranda Alvarez.

DELAWARE

132nd Annual Communication at Wilmington, October 6th, 1937. Grand Master Harry W. Lowe. Lodges 22. Members 5,532. Loss 82. 15 Past Grand Masters were present and 53 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. 20 out of the 22 constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Masters of Virginia, New York, Maryland and Rhode Island were distinguished visitors.

The Grand Master attended the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in November, 1936. In reporting on his visit he stated that the Installation of the Duke of York as Grand Master was one of the most impressive ceremonies he ever witnessed. 3,000 Masons from all parts of the world were present, some of them having travelled 12,000 miles to attend. He could not speak too highly of the hospitality and courtesy extended the visitors by the Masons of Scotland.

The Grand Master made an extensive reference to the Masonic Home, stating that he felt that the members of the Fraternity do not fully appreciate this splendid institution. \$1.00 per capita is contributed for the support of the Home. The Home has now been established for 25 years and at the end of the last year there were 32 residents. The cost of maintenance was about \$17,000.00, considerably less than the income.

There is no regulation in Delaware in regard to life memberships and the Grand Master advised that in future all constituent Lodges having life members be requested to pay on such members all Grand Lodge dues and assessments.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Thomas H. Day. This is Bro. Day's eighteenth review and the Proceedings of 63 Jurisdictions are given attention. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1937 are given very kindly reference.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

127th Annual Communication at Washington, December 15th, 1937. Grand Master Paul B. Cromelin. Lodges 46. Members 20,510. Gain 100. A Special Communication was held on January 30th, 1937, for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of M.W. Bro. James T. Gibbs, Past Grand Master. There was also a Special Communication on March 27th, 1937, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. Walter A. Brown, Past Grand Master. The Proceedings contain memorial pages to these distinguished Brethren.

At the Stated Communication on May 12th, 1937, nine Past Grand Masters were present and thirty Grand Jurisdictions were

represented. There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge Officers.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was not prepared to recommend that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of the States of Chihuahua and Yucatan, Mexico, and asked for further time to consider the matter. They drew attention to the fact that recognition had already been given to the York Grand Lodge of Mexico which claims jurisdiction over all the states of the Republic and also stated that the Grand Lodge of Texas had severed relations with the Grand Lodge of Mexico and extended recognition to the Grand Lodge of Chihuahua. The Committee, however, was not prepared to recommend similar action.

A Special Communication was held on May 19th, 1937, for the purpose of constituting Benjamin Franklin Lodge No. 50, under a charter granted at the Stated Communication on May 12th. There was also a Special Communication on August 23rd for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. Harry Standiford, who was Grand Master in 1901.

Pursuant to the decision of 1936 a Special Communication was held on September 16th, 1937, to celebrate the observance of the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States "so that our members may acquire a larger knowledge of the history of the Constitution and its beneficent provisions and through that knowledge contribute to the enlightenment of the whole nation concerning this immortal document." The Grand Masters of thirteen neighbouring States were present and addresses were delivered by Solomon Bloom, Member of Congress from New York, and Director of the United States Constitution Sesqui-Centennial Commission, and also by William E. Borah, United States Senator from Idaho. There was also a thanksgiving service in connection with the same anniversary held on November 25th, 1937.

At the Annual Communication on December 15th, ten Past Grand Masters were present and all the constituent Lodges were represented. This Grand Lodge has assets valued at over \$1,000,000.00 and there is a Charity Fund of about \$200,000.00. All the constituent Lodges appear to be in sound financial condition.

The Grand Master made an extended reference to the three Past Grand Masters who died during the year, stating that the three deaths coming within a year had brought an unusually deep sense of sadness and loss.

The Grand Master referred to the gain in membership, stating that the efforts which had been made to this end for several years had at least achieved their objective. He considers the result a definite reversal in trend and an indication of improvement in all the Lodges. The total loss in membership from 1929 to 1936 inclusive was 2,942.

In April, 1937, the Grand Lodge received deputations from the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland who had attended the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of South Carolina. On their return to the Old Land the members of the deputations made very interesting reports to their respective Grand Lodges in which they referred in very complimentary terms to the courtesies they received while in Washington. The Grand Master spoke in the highest terms of the Grand Masters' Conference, giving a detailed account of the subjects discussed on that occasion. He emphasized the value of the Conference and the opportunity it affords for the discussion of questions of interest to Masons everywhere.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. James A. West. Bro. West notes in a foreword that there is continued improvement in both financial and numerical conditions of the Grand Lodges. There is also a reference to life membership and the present tendency to condemn the practice as often detrimental to the interests of the Lodges. The 18th Landmark is also discussed and reference made to the tendency in many Jurisdictions to abrogate it. Bro. West appears to think that the Landmark should be preserved on the ground that if one is rejected why not all? The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1937 are given very brief but very kindly reference.

ENGLAND

It is of interest to note that history has been written since November, 1936, when the Duke of York was installed as Grand Master Mason of Scotland. Since that time the Duke of York ascended the throne and on May 6th, 1937, he wrote M.W. Bro. Sir Ian Colquhoun stating that on his accession he had ceased to actively participate in Masonry and resigned as Grand Master Mason. At the same time he conveyed to Grand Lodge his sincere thanks for the whole-hearted support accorded him during his tenure of office.

In England Masons still have as their Grand Master the revered M.W. Bro. the Duke of Connaught. The Pro Grand Master is M.W. Bro. the Earl of Harewood, and the Deputy Grand Master is R.W. Bro. Sir Francis Davies. At the Quarterly Communication held in March, 1937, the Pro Grand Master read a message from the Grand Master in which it was stated that His Majesty the King had been pleased to accept the rank of Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. In the "Free Mason" of May 1st it was announced that the Pro Grand Master hoped that His Majesty would be present on the occasion of the Special Grand Lodge to be held on June 30th, to be invested and stated, "Should this happy event materialize Masonic History will be made as no English monarch as such has ever been invested publicly with Masonic rank." A reference to the proceedings of June 30th shows that the investing of His Majesty as Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England took place. A large deputation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland was present for the occasion. His Majesty thanked Grand Lodge for the honour conferred upon him, spoke of his active interest in Freemasonry over a period of years, stated that he had now reached the pinnacle of his Masonic life and referred fittingly to the absence of the Grand Master, the Duke of Connaught.

At the Quarterly Communication in March the Pro Grand Master made reference to the toast "The King and the Craft." The toast has been drunk continuously since the early days of the 18th Century and there is a report that it was drunk by the Scottish Brethren about the year 1430. It was drunk throughout the reign of Queen Victoria and also the reign of King Edward VII. The Pro Grand Master stated that the fact that His Majesty is a Mason ought not to stop the drinking of the toast which is an expression of the loyalty of the Craft.

At the meeting in March a deputation was appointed to attend the 200th Anniversary of Freemasonry in the State of South Carolina. Organized Masonry on the basis established in 1717 began in the State of South Carolina 200 years ago and is a very old institution there as in many other Jurisdictions.

The Annual Grand Festival was held on April 28th, 1937. There was a total attendance of 2,346 consisting of 1,799 Masters, Wardens and Past Masters and 547 Grand Officers.

At the Quarterly Communication in September a message was received from the Grand Master the Duke of Connaught, stating that an Advisory Council had been appointed with respect to matters in China and that it was now his desire that exchange of representatives should be resumed between the Grand Lodge of England and the Grand Lodge of the Philippine Islands. Relations were suspended on December 6th, 1933.

The presentation of a portrait was made to the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Harewood, who thanked the Brethren and handed the portrait to Freemasons' Hall.

At the Communication in December the Pro Grand Master made extended reference to the death of the Grand Secretary, Sir Colville Smith, whose whole life had been devoted to Freemasonry. The Pro Grand Master praised the work of the deceased Grand Secretary in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institutions. The Grand Secretary was well known in many countries of the world and the loss suffered by Masonry in his demise will be felt for many years. A message was read from the Grand Master in which reference was made to the many heavy duties of the Grand Secretary and asking for power to appoint an assistant Grand Master who would be able to represent the Grand Master at many functions and thus relieve the Grand Secretary. The Constitution was accordingly amended. Brigadier General W. H. V. Darrell was appointed Assistant Grand Master and W. Bro. Sydney A. White was appointed Grand Secretary.

The writer wishes to record his own regrets and those of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in the great loss suffered by this Grand Lodge in the death of R.W. Bro. J. Obed Smith, the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan near the Grand Lodge of England. R.W. Bro. Smith formerly resided in Canada and subsequently during his many years in England extended many courtesies to visiting Canadians. For many years as the Grand Representative of this Jurisdiction he prepared a most useful and interesting review of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of England and forwarded it for publication in the Saskatchewan Proceedings. We shall miss these reviews and we shall never forget his many kindnesses.

FLORIDA

108th Annual Communication at Jacksonville, April 20th, 1937. Grand Master Jesse C. Clark. Lodges 224. Members 19,945. Loss 356. Twelve Past Grand Masters were present and 43 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. W. F. Hansen. 205 constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Master made extended reference to the condition of the finances, stating that the Grand Lodge during a boom period expanded too much in certain directions, that there is a bonded debt of \$143,000.00, and that during the last two years it had been necessary to draw on the General Fund to pay interest. In 1928 a special assessment of \$1.00 was levied for the Masonic Home and this has been continued since, making the total per capita tax \$3.25. The difficulty, according to the Grand Master, has been caused by the reduction in membership, which at its peak was 33,000 and is now approximately

18,500. There is, however, a revival of interest and a better spirit prevailing. The loss in members has been reduced to a minimum and every department of activity was operated within the appropriation for the year.

The Charters of two Lodges were arrested during the year and one was surrendered. The Grand Master stated that he was firmly convinced that the conferring of life membership is detrimental to every Lodge which confers it and that practically every Lodge which confers it is in financial difficulty. Some Lodges attempted to pass By-Laws to collect Grand Lodge dues from life members but the Grand Master could not approve of such By-Laws. He advised that the Lodges be prohibited from granting life membership unless bought and paid for on a life expectancy basis to be regulated by Grand Lodge. The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence expressed the opinion that there should be permanent legislation on the subject and advised that the Committee be given until the next Communication to bring in a recommendation for permanent legislation.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Wallace R. Cheves. In a foreword Bro. Cheves refers to the universality of Masonry and quotes a statement from Mackey's Jurisprudence on the subject of foreign correspondence in which it is stated that in none of the Grand Lodges was there a foreign correspondent until early in the eighteenth century and that the appointments were made because Grand Lodges could not isolate themselves. He also refers to lotteries and questionable ways of raising money, and quotes from the proceedings of several Jurisdictions indicating that many Grand Masters have condemned these activities. He refers to one of the "saddest features" associated with Masonry to-day as the fact that some Grand Lodges have become so involved in debt incident to the establishment and maintenance of Masonic Homes that they are forced to discriminate between the few occupants of the Homes and the many needy ones who are outside. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very fully and very kindly referred to. The address of the Grand Master is quoted and the work of the Benevolent Fund receives a kindly mention.

GEORGIA

151st Annual Communication at Macon, October 26th and 27th, 1937. Grand Master Robert McMillan. Lodges 510. Members 40,430. Loss, 337. Ten Past Grand Masters were present and 53 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. H. K. Lamb.

M.W. Bro. Frank O. Miller, Past Grand Master, passed away in March, 1937. An appropriate tribute was paid to his memory by M.W. Bro. William G. Meador when the Roll of Past Grand Masters was called. The Grand Master commented upon the satisfactory condition of the finances but stated that a number of the subordinate Lodges seem to have lost a sense of their obligations to Grand Lodge and to the Masonic Home. The Grand Master referred to the Masonic Home as "one of the greatest works of humanity in which we could engage and it should be a privilege as well as a duty to respond to its needs." He is of the opinion that the Endowment Fund should be increased on account of the reduction in interest rates.

The Charters of seventeen Lodges were forfeited during the year. There is an Endowment Fund for the Masonic Home of

\$176,000.00. The maintenance of the Home cost about \$80,000.00, which was slightly less than the revenue. There is no review of correspondence.

M.W. Bro. John L. Travis is Grand Master for 1938. He was installed by his brother, M.W. Bro. Robert J. Travis, a Past Grand Master.

IDAHO

71st Annual Communication at Wallace, September 14th, 15th and 16th, 1937. Grand Master W. H. Thompson. Lodges 81. Members 8,814. Loss 78. Eighteen Past Grand Masters were present and 97 constituent Lodges were represented. 33 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Henry P. Glindeman. The Roll of Grand Representatives was called and those present were assembled at the Altar and welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master attended all District Meetings during the year, ten in number. The programme at the District Meetings varied but generally consisted of degree work, addresses on timely subjects and almost always the question box which was taken charge of by R.W. Bro. C. F. Pike, the Grand Secretary. The Grand Master reported that of the 81 Lodges in the State he had attended meetings of 60 of them and that he had called upon one or more of the officers of the remaining 21 Lodges. In making his visitations the Grand Master travelled 18,000 miles by car and 6,400 miles by railroad.

A Special Communication was held on December 1st, 1936, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. D. C. Chase, Past Grand Master. Four Special Communications were held for the purpose of dedicating new Masonic Temples, one for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of a Masonic Temple and one to lay the cornerstone of a public building.

The Grand Master was not able to attend the Bicentennial of the Grand Lodge of Scotland but appointed M.W. Bro. John Kain, the Grand Master of Montana, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Idaho. On his return Bro. Kain made a very interesting report on his attendance at the celebration in Scotland.

The Grand Master stated that as a result of his journeys throughout the State of Idaho he had added much to his information about the State. He described the State in beautiful language, in part as follows:

"The beautiful lakes of the north, the towering peaks of central Idaho, the mighty rivers and their steep canyons, the dense forests, the level expanse of desert and the great irrigation projects of the south, where the science of man has joined hands with Nature to produce a garden spot, all combine to form a picture words cannot adequately describe."

This Grand Lodge supervises building plans of the constituent Lodges. A Committee for the purpose is appointed and when a Lodge contemplates building the plans and methods of financing are submitted for approval. One building project was approved during the past year.

There is an Orphans' Fund established some years ago for which 50 cents per member is collected each year. The interest on the Fund is now more than sufficient to meet the annual expendi-

ture and there is a substantial balance in the interest fund. The principal of the Fund amounts to approximately \$200,000.00.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, M.W. Bro. Percy Jones, presented a topical report of events in various Grand Jurisdictions. The review is brief but contains much interesting material. Improved conditions are reported, losses in membership are less and it is estimated that 40,000 suspended members returned and put themselves in good standing; there are more petitions for membership and improved financial conditions both in Grand Lodges and constituent Lodges.

ILLINOIS

98th Annual Communication at Chicago, October 12th and 13th, 1937. Grand Master H. C. McCloud. Lodges 999. Members 209,702. Loss 8,367. Ten Past Grand Masters were present and the Grand Masters of Missouri, Nebraska and Wisconsin were distinguished visitors. Bro. J. C. Black, Past President of the Board of Benevolence of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, was also a welcome visitor.

The Grand Master expressed the opinion that Freemasonry in Illinois is again advancing and that while the year did not show a gain in membership there is an increased interest which augurs well for the future. The Grand Master reported his attendance at the meeting of the George Washington National Memorial Association in February, 1937, and stated that the sum of \$64,000.00 was contributed at the meeting to aid in the completion of the Memorial. Illinois has made no contribution for several years and the Grand Master advised that the matter should again be given consideration as co-operation would assure the completion of the edifice within a few years.

This Grand Lodge will be 100 years old in April, 1940, and the Grand Master advised the appointment of a committee to report at the next annual session and submit a plan for the celebration of the Centennial in 1940.

The Grand Master emphasized the fact that Freemasonry is not concerned in plots and conspiracies for or against any form of government; Freemasons are to be submissive to the law and the constituted authorities in whatever state, province or principality they may be domiciled. He referred to the fact that some Jurisdictions have advocated active opposition to Communistic ideas and pointed out that Masonry as an Institution could not oppose such ideas as such action was contrary to the Ancient Landmarks.

The sum of \$61,000.00 was disbursed for charity and there is a Charity Fund of \$289,000.00. There is an Endowment Fund of \$700,000.00 for the Orphans' Home and of about \$100,000.00 for the Masonic Home. The total amount of dues collected for the year was \$251,258.00. The sum of \$105,000.00 was appropriated for the maintenance of the Masonic Home at Sullivan and the sum of \$100,000.00 for the Orphans' Home at La Grange.

The Committee on Foreign Jurisdictions recommended that recognition be extended to the National Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia and the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings. Also to the Grand Lodges of Sweden and Denmark and the Grand Orient of Greece.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Elmer E. Beach.

In a foreword it is stated that financial difficulties are becoming less and less, that unpaid per capita taxes are on the decrease, that there are more petitions and fewer suspensions for non-payment of dues. Reference is also made to the granting of life memberships on the basis of the number of years of membership, and it is stated that the practice is generally condemned as tending to embarrass the Lodges in later years. Consideration appears to be given in some Jurisdictions to the plan to allow the purchase of life memberships by paying a sum which at current rates of interest will yield an amount equal to the annual dues. Reference is also made to the tendency of some Jurisdictions to denounce Communism and it is pointed out that this may be a dangerous innovation against one of the Ancient Landmarks. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1937 are very fully and very kindly dealt with. There are quotations from the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry and the report of the Committee on Masonic Education.

INDIANA

120th Annual Communication at Indianapolis, May 25th and 26th, 1937. Grand Master Thomas J. Wilson. Lodges 543. Members 107,738. Loss, 2,559. 16 Past Grand Masters were present and 40 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Harry D. Tuthill, who was formerly a resident of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan.

4 Past Grand Masters passed away during the year, M.W. Bro. Harry Yeo, M.W. Bro. Jere West, M.W. Bro. Frank E. Gavin and M.W. Bro. Roscoe C. Kiper. The Grand Master, in his address, paid tribute to the worth of these distinguished Brethren not only as Masons but also as distinguished citizens and the proceedings contain memorials to them.

At the time of the Communication there were no Lodges delinquent in paying dues. All the Lodges delinquent at the close of the year had paid in full prior to the Communication. The Grand Master however, made reference to certain weak Lodges where lack of interest was shown. The Grand Master spoke of the Masonic Home, stating that in his opinion "it was the best kept and conducted in the United States." He urged that every one visit the Home and satisfy themselves as to the manner in which it was conducted. The total income for the Home was \$154,646.00 and the expenditure was \$174,000.00. The Grand Treasurer stated that the utmost economy must be practiced in its administration. There are 433 residents in the Home.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington. He stated that it was one of the greatest pleasures of the Grand Master to attend the Conference as many questions of interest to all Jurisdictions were discussed by Grand Masters from various parts of the United States.

The Grand Master reported that he had had an inquiry from a Province in Canada asking what stand the Grand Jurisdictions are taking on the subject of Communism. His answer was in substance that, as a Grand Lodge, no part could be taken in political discussions; that Communism and Socialism were forms of political thought concerning which as a Lodge no stand should be taken; that Masons are "resolved against all politics as what never yet conduced to the welfare of a Lodge or never will." He also reported the receipt of a letter from Geneva urging the Grand Lodge to join in what would

be in his judgment very dangerous controversial questions which would embroil the Fraternity finally in the ambitions of various governments.

The cornerstones of 11 public buildings were laid and three Masonic Homes were dedicated during the year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Rio Grande do Sul (Brazil), and the Grand Lodge Cosmos of Chihuahua, Mexico.

In a foreword to the proceedings reference is made to the founding by Roger Williams on May 18th, 1636, of "the first civil government on earth in which there was absolute liberty for all men in matters of religious concernment." May 18th, 1936, was therefore the 300th anniversary of this important event and on that date a Bible was presented to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and this Grand Lodge is causing the Bible to be sent to all other Grand Lodges and when it has completed its journey it will be retained by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island as a memorial. The Bible was used at the meetings of the Grand Lodge of Indiana in the month of May, 1937.

IOWA

94th Annual Communication at Cedar Rapids, June 8th and 9th, 1937. Grand Master T. B. Throckmorton. Lodges 551. Members 67,675. Loss 1,381. Public exercises were held prior to the opening of Grand Lodge. There was an address of welcome by the Mayor of Cedar Rapids. A representative of the Grand Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star was presented and there was an informal presentation of distinguished guests.

M.W. Bro. Frederick W. Craig, Past Grand Master, passed away during the year. M.W. Bro. Craig was a prominent Mason not only in the State but also in the nation, having held the highest offices in the Royal Arch Masons for the United States. The Grand Master paid a lengthy tribute to the life and work of this distinguished Brother.

During the year the Grand Master pursued the policy of visiting the smallest Lodges and purposely refrained from visiting the larger ones, being of the opinion that the smaller Lodges were entitled to a visit from the Grand Master whenever possible. Two Masonic Temples were dedicated during the year and the cornerstones of several public buildings were laid. Out of the 551 Lodges only 10 were delinquent in making their returns.

At the closing of the 75th Annual Communication in 1913 M.W. Bro. William Hutchinson, the Grand Master, presented his successor with a signet ring which was to be passed in turn to each succeeding Grand Master; this ring has now been worn by 24 successive Grand Masters.

Appended to the Grand Master's address is a radio speech which he delivered on April 27th on the occasion of the 6th annual simultaneous meeting. The object of the address was to reach the Brethren gathered in each Lodge room.

This Grand Lodge issues a monthly bulletin which contains not only information as to the work of the Grand Lodge of Iowa but also a great variety of news concerning Masonry throughout the world.

The receipts from all sources amounted to \$150,626.00. There was expended on the Sanitarium the sum of \$41,056.00. The endowment for the Sanitarium and the Charity Fund is \$754,500.00. 125 Lodges showed an increase in membership, 372 showed a loss, and in 57 there was no change. Lodge dues vary from \$4.00 to \$10.00 and fees from \$30.00 to \$75.00. The per capita tax is \$1.75. The reduction in membership was much less this year than in the past few years, being 1,381 as compared with 2,342 in 1935 and 3,431 in 1934.

The Committee on Grand Lodge Recognition referred to the fact that there are 50 foreign Grand Lodges not recognized by the Grand Lodge of Iowa and recommended that the Committee be requested to begin a thorough study of the history and standards of foreign Grand Lodges and that for the coming year the study include the Scandinavian Grand Lodges of Norway, Sweden and Denmark.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Ernest Moore, Past Grand Master. In a foreword Bro. Moore states that after reading the proceedings of 60 Jurisdictions he finds everywhere manifested an earnestness of purpose and a sincere desire to accomplish good but he thinks there is not a full devotion to the ideals and that there has been a departure from the spirit of the fundamentals. He finds that there is a concern about diminishing membership and asks why should the shrinkage matter? The faithful and the earnest few mean more than the lukewarm many. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are reviewed at length with references to the address of the Grand Master on the subject of the ideals of Masonry and the fact that it is an apostle of right living.

KANSAS (1937)

81st Annual Communication at Wichita, February 17th and 18th, 1937. Grand Master James H. Wendroff. Lodges 447. Members 62,552. Loss 1,268. M.W. Bro. Charles S. Percival, Past Grand Master of Iowa; M.W. Bro. W. Walker, Grand Master of Missouri, and M.W. Bro. John L. Stuart, Past Grand Master of Oklahoma, were distinguished visitors. 19 Past Grand Masters were present and 58 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bros. James H. Trice. 294 constituent Lodges were represented there being 153 with no representation.

During the year 85 fifty-year buttons were presented to veteran Brethren. The Grand Master presented a number of them personally and referred to the proceeding as a fine compliment to the older Brethren and an inspiration to the younger members. 5 Special Communications were held for the purpose of laying the cornerstones of public buildings during the year.

The Grand Master referred to the Masonic Home, stating that the Masons of Kansas should be proud of it. The per capita cost notwithstanding the rise in the prices of food products was less in 1936 than in 1935. The Grand Master urged the Brethren to visit the Home, "which furnishes the opportunity for the practice of the Masonic virtues, charity and hospitality." The cost of maintenance was \$89,000.00, eleven thousand dollars less than in 1935. There is an Endowment Fund of \$562,000.00.

Progress was made during the year in the collecting of arrears

in the per capita tax, the amount outstanding having been reduced to \$9,000.00. The Grand Master stated that the Lodges were co-operating in an effort to pay off arrears.

In commenting upon the loss in membership the Grand Master said that he felt Masonry in Kansas was on the upward trend; he thinks a better spirit pervades the members, that great care is being exercised in the admission of members and that more enthusiasm exists among the Lodges.

The General Fund showed a substantial surplus in the year's operations.

The Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence is R.W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson, Grand Secretary Emeritus. His name does not appear this year as the author of the Report on Correspondence. Among the proceedings reviewed is Saskatchewan for 1936.

KANSAS (1938)

82nd Annual Communication at Topeka, February 16th and 17th, 1938. Grand Master Charles B. Erskine. Lodges 440. Members 61,434. Loss 1,118. Seventeen Past Grand Masters were present and 65 Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by W. Bro. James H. Trice. The Grand Representatives were introduced and welcomed by the Deputy Grand Master. Among the distinguished visitors was M.W. Bro. William A. Robertson, the Grand Master of Nebraska. 228 of the constituent Lodges were represented.

This Grand Lodge suffered the loss of four Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. G. H. Lamb, Grand Master in 1916; M.W. Bro. John McCulloch, Grand Master in 1922, and at the time of his death Grand Treasurer; M.W. Bro. O. J. Wood, Grand Master in 1919, and M.W. Bro. E. C. Cole, Grand Master in 1913. The Grand Master in his address paid tribute to the services rendered by these distinguished Brethren.

A number of consolidations took place during the year and other Lodges are considering the step. The motor car and good roads have made transportation easier and in many of the towns and villages where Lodges exist the population has decreased, making the carrying on of a Lodge very difficult. The Grand Master reported that because of continued crop failures and adverse financial conditions affecting so many parts of the State there has developed not only a lack of interest but a general indifference to the payment of dues. The situation has led to difficulties in many Lodges. He urged the officers of all the Lodges to endeavour to remedy the situation and to take steps to induce Brethren, who are able, to take a renewed interest.

The cornerstones of four public buildings were laid during the year.

The Grand Master stated that every Mason in Kansas should be proud to be in the Masonic Home. He referred to the cost to each member since the Home was opened in 1893 as being only the sum of \$35.85 for the full period of forty-four years. In 1934 the Grand Lodge voted a special assessment of fifty cents per member. The deficit in the operation of the Home for the last year was \$5,544.00 due to the income from investments being less. The Grand Master recommended that the special assessment of fifty cents be

continued for a period of five years. There is an Endowment Fund of \$633,000.00. The maintenance of the Home cost \$95,000.00 during the year.

The Grand Secretary reported arrears in dues to Grand Lodge of \$8,294.00. Some of these arrears extend as far back as 1931-32.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. Albert K. Wilson. Among the proceedings reviewed are those of Saskatchewan for 1937. The address of the Grand Master, J. W. Estey, is extensively quoted. The writer regrets that the proceedings of Kansas were not included in the review of last year but they were not available on May 1st, when the review was closed.

KENTUCKY

137th Annual Communication at Louisville, October 19th, 20th and 21st, 1937. Grand Master Innes B. Ross. Lodges 521. Members 43,281. Gain 90. 22 Past Grand Masters were present. A gavel made from a wild cherry tree recovered from the flood of 1937 on the Masonic Home grounds was presented to the Grand Master by M.W. Bro. James Garnett on behalf of the boys in the Home with the request that it be used during the session.

In referring to the flood on the Ohio River in January, 1937, the Grand Master said that the Fraternity was called upon to meet one of the greatest disasters in many years when the flood waters of the Ohio carried away in many cases all the worldly goods of many of the Brethren as well as many of the Lodges, leaving families destitute and Lodges without a meeting place or property of any kind.

As to the condition of Masonry the Grand Master stated he had found a great awakening of interest and much encouragement in the activities of many of the Lodges. He is more convinced than ever that Masonry is here to stay and will continue as long as time shall last.

The Grand Master could not visit all the Lodges but he was satisfied that every Lodge in the State was represented at some District Meeting and that he had met members of every Lodge during the year.

The Grand Master urged every Lodge to observe the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States and for this purpose issued a proclamation setting aside September 17th to October 16th as Constitution Month and asked all the Lodges to set aside a part of a meeting or to call a special meeting for the purpose of honouring the signers of the Constitution and expressing gratitude to them for civil, political and religious liberty.

A Special Communication was held at Mount Sterling on October 30th, 1936, for the purpose of dedicating the monument to Benjamin T. Kavanaugh, a Past Grand Master of Wisconsin. M.W. Bro. Kavanaugh left Kentucky and resided for many years in Wisconsin where he assisted in the formation of the Grand Lodge and became the first Grand Master of that State. He later returned to Kentucky where he died in 1888 and was buried at Mount Sterling.

The flood in January, 1937, caused great havoc in the State. 23,000 Masons with their families, numbering in all 69,000 persons suffered, and 171 Lodges were affected. The total loss in the State was estimated at \$92,000,000.00 and all told 539,000 were under

water. The Grand Master appointed a Relief Committee to receive and distribute money. The Lodges were all communicated with on the subject. The Relief Committee received approximately \$35,000.00 for the purpose of assisting afflicted Brethren.

The Education Committee reported grants amounting to \$7,422.00 for forty-one wards. The sum of \$15,000.00 was appropriated to this Committee in 1936 and they still have on hand the sum of \$7,577.00. They reported that they had sufficient funds for the school year ending September 1st, 1939, but from that time on would require additional funds.

The General Fund showed a substantial surplus for the year. The Grand Secretary in reporting a gain in membership of 90 referred to the fact that last year he stated that Freemasonry in Kentucky was on the up-grade, and that conditions were better than they had been for years. The membership in 1933 was 50,085 and has decreased every year since that time till 1937. The membership is now 43,281.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. G. Allison Holland and M.W. Bro. Chester D. Adams. The Review was begun by M.W. Bro. Holland but his death took place before he was able to complete it. The work was then carried on by M.W. Bro. Adams, who in a foreword pays a well merited tribute to the work of M.W. Bro. Holland. 59 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1937. There are references to the District Meetings, to the address of the Grand Master and his remarks on Masonic Education and to the financial condition of the Lodges.

THE GRAND LODGE LESSING ZU DEN DREI RINGEN

In the report of the proceedings lengthy reference is made to the co-operation of the Lodge with the other Grand Lodge in Czecho-Slovakia, the National Grand Lodge. This co-operation is spoken of as paralleling the efforts of the government directed towards the "peaceful symbiosis" of the people of the country. Mutual visits are practiced and joint meetings of the Lodges of the two Jurisdictions are held. M.W. Bro. Stockwell, Past Grand Master of North Dakota, visited this Jurisdiction and his visit receives mention in the proceedings. He is referred to as one of the recognized leaders of Freemasonry in the United States and as having the ideal of "the chain circling the globe" while at the same time "maintaining the standards of correct tradition."

The representative of this Grand Lodge, R.W. Bro. Felix Lenhart, attended the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in November, 1936.

M.W. Bro. John H. Cowles, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, and M.W. Bro. W. M. Brown, Past Grand Master of Virginia, also visited this Jurisdiction in 1936 after attending the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

There are thirty Lodges with 1,435 members. The Grand Lodge is recognized by 22 Grand Lodges in the United States, 6 in Canada, 15 in South America, 6 in Australia and 22 in Europe. As to the recognition by so many Grand Lodges it is stated in the proceedings:

"It is most gratifying that also foreign countries have come to understand that the existence of two Grand Lodges in this country is entirely justifiable, even indispensable, in the interest of

Masonic thought and its practical application and diffusion amongst the inhabitants of the Republic, so diversified in language."

GRAND LODGE LESSING ZU DEN DREI RINGEN

The proceedings of this Grand Lodge are in the nature of a review of the important events of the year. There is a statement to the effect that the efforts of the Government directed towards the peaceful union of the peoples of the country have been paralleled by the co-operation of the two Grand Lodges in the country. Mutual visits and joint meetings of Lodges in the two Jurisdictions, namely the National Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings, are evidence of the complete harmony existing.

This Grand Lodge, mindful of Masonic tradition, refrains from meddling in politics. It limits its activities to the education of the members so that every member may take his proper place in the public life of the country as a citizen and as a man in accordance with Masonic tradition.

There is a reference to the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland at which the Grand Lodge was represented by the Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Bicentenary brought many Masons from other nations to Czechoslovakia. Among the visitors entertained was M.W. Bro. W. L. Stockwell, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota, and there is a very complimentary reference to his visit and to correspondence which has taken place with him since that occasion. The Grand Lodge is now recognized by 77 Grand Lodges of which 22 are in the United States, 6 in Canada, 15 in South America, 6 in Australia and 22 in Europe. It has been most gratifying to the membership that so many Jurisdictions have come to understand that the existence of two Grand Lodges in the country is entirely justifiable and indispensable in the interests of Masonry on account of the difference in languages.

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MAINE

118th Annual Communication at Portland, May 4th, 5th and 6th, 1937. Grand Master Henry R. Gillis. Lodges 207. Members 36,832. Loss 960. All nine living Past Grand Masters were present and 200 of the 207 Lodges were represented. 54 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. Among the distinguished visitors was R.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, Grand Secretary of Quebec, and M.W. Bro. W. J. Ballou, Grand Master of Vermont.

The Grand Master called attention to the Bible resting on the Altar and explained that it was first dedicated by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and since then had been in one-half of the Grand Lodges of the United States.

The Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Samuel B. Furbish, died on October 24th, 1936. The Grand Master paid tribute to the life and work of this distinguished Brother stating that by reason of his duties as Grand Lecturer he was known to practically the entire membership and that no death in recent years had created such profound sorrow.

In referring to the condition of the Craft the Grand Master stated that while there had been a loss in membership he did not

feel despondent as the number of initiations had increased over former years and the number of suspensions was less. He advised careful selection of material and a comprehensive programme of Masonic education.

A number of Veterans' Jewels were presented by the Grand Master during the year. He stated that the presentation of these Jewels had been the cause of pride and gratitude. Several were presented by him in the homes of members who were unable to attend Lodges on account of physical inability. The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and in reporting to Grand Lodge he referred to the George Washington Masonic Memorial, its present incomplete condition and the amount of money necessary to complete it. He also reported on the agenda of subjects dealt with at the Conference, relief funds, Masonic publicity and the need of circumspection by Masonic writers, finances of Lodges and building programmes. A reception was accorded to the Grand Representatives present. They were welcomed by the Grand Master and were asked to convey the felicitations of Grand Lodge to their respective Jurisdictions. Saskatchewan was represented by Bro. Ashley A. Smith, the Foreign Correspondent.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Costa Rica. As to several applications from Grand Lodges in Brazil they advised delay in order to obtain further information.

There was expended on charity the sum of \$13,140.00 and the constituent Lodges expended the sum of \$12,654.00.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. Ashley A. Smith. The reviews of the various Jurisdictions are most interesting and instructive and set out the activities of the various Grand Lodges in most readable form. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very fully and generously dealt with.

MANITOBA

62nd Annual Communication at Brandon, June 9th and 10th, 1937. Grand Master Harry Woods, Lodges 105. Members 10,855. Loss 209. An Emergent Communication was held in the City of Winnipeg on September 26th, 1936, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of the pedestal for the statue of Robert Burns which is being erected in his memory on the grounds of the Manitoba Legislative Buildings.

Distinguished visitors at the Annual Communication were M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, Grand Master of Saskatchewan; R.W. Bro. Charles M. Pollock, and M.W. Bro. Walter L. Stockwell, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively of the Grand Jurisdiction of North Dakota. 35 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by R.W. Bro. Alex. Burgess.

It was found impossible for this Jurisdiction to be represented at the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland but an address engraved on parchment and suitably framed in leather was forwarded.

The Grand Master, in referring to the Committee on Benevolence, stated that there was a lack of knowledge on the part of many as to its duties and the work it performs and advised that steps be taken by Masters of all Lodges to remedy this undesirable state of affairs. He also advised the greatest care in the selection of candi-

dates, stating that it was the calibre of the members rather than the number which determines the usefulness of any Lodge.

The Grand Master reported his visit to the Grand Lodge of Saskatchewan in the City of Saskatoon in the month of June, 1936, and also his attendance at a picnic on Masonic Island in Lake Metigosche, the property of the Grand Lodge of North Dakota. The latter was an International function and Masons were present from North Dakota, Manitoba and Saskatchewan. A pronounced spirit of friendship prevailed, pointing to the fact that as far as Freemasons are concerned there is no International Boundary.

At the last Annual Communication it was decided to award medals to Master Masons who have had continuous membership for 50 years, 25 of which have been in the Jurisdiction of Manitoba. 27 members have received these medals and no duty gave the Grand Master greater pleasure than the presenting of the medals to the veteran Brethren.

In reporting on the proceedings in other Jurisdictions the Committee in charge stated that the most encouraging feature is the rapidly increasing number who are returning and putting themselves in good standing and the spirit of optimism prevailing. Reference is also made to the question of life membership as one seriously affecting the income of the Lodges. The investments amount to \$257,346.00. The amount expended for benevolence was \$9,349.00, the income for the purpose being \$9,710.00.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that Fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Sao Paulo, Brazil, but advised that the application of the Symbolic Grand Lodge of Germany, with headquarters at Jerusalem, be not recognized on the ground that recognition should not be given to any temporary Grand Lodge which does not occupy the territory over which it claims jurisdiction.

MARYLAND

151st Annual Communication at Baltimore, November 16th and 17th, 1937. Grand Master H. B. Wright. Lodges 121. Members 29,278. Loss 552. The 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Maryland was celebrated on May 16th, 17th and 18th, 1937. An invitation was extended to the Grand Masters of the Jurisdictions of the world with which the Grand Lodge is in fraternal relations. Many distinguished visitors were present, among them nine Grand Masters of neighbouring States, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Quebec and representatives from several other States.

On Sunday morning, May 16th, memorial services were conducted at the grave of M.W. Bro. Thomas J. Shryock, who was Grand Master from 1875 to 1918, a period of thirty-three years, more than one-fifth of the life of the Grand Lodge. Services were also conducted at the graves of two other Past Grand Masters. After these services the party proceeded to the Masonic Home at Bonnie Blink where an inspection was made and great interest manifested in the Home.

In the afternoon a service was held in one of the churches of Baltimore and a sermon given by the Grand Chaplain, Dr. John C. Palmer, from the text, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright. For the end of that man is Peace." In the evening a reception was held in the Temple.

On Monday evening, the 17th of May, the Sesqui-Centennial

Banquet was held and was attended by the Mayor of the City of Baltimore, the Governor of the State of New York and many distinguished visitors from other Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master referred at length to the 150 years of Masonry in Maryland. He pointed out that the Grand Lodge was the outgrowth of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. After the war of independence in 1783 an attempt was made to form the Grand Lodge of Maryland by four Lodges but the attempt failed because of differences between the Lodges and the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. These differences were adjusted for the Grand Lodge was formed in 1787. The Grand Master related the fact that only seven years ago it was ascertained that in 1783 a provincial charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of England to the Grand Lodge of Maryland with Henry Harford as Provincial Grand Master. This charter, however, was never mailed and so far as the records show was lost for a century and a half. It was discovered in a secondhand shop and sent to the Grand Lodge of Maryland where it is being preserved.

The Grand Master made reference to the address delivered by Grand Master Shryock on the occasion of the 100th Anniversary. In it he contrasted the humble beginning in a little Lodge room with the great assembly in a splendid temple a century later. He spoke of the mode of travel and transportation, of steam, electricity and the press, and asked what might be anticipated during the next century. The Grand Master then referred to the fact that in the fifty years following the Grand Lodge had grown from 83 Lodges with 5,100 members, to 121 Lodges with 30,000.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that the application for recognition of the Grand Lodge of the State of Sao Paulo, Brazil, be declined because of irregularity of origin.

On October 16th, 1937, a Special Communication was held for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of a chapel at Bonnie Blink. The chapel is the gift of the Order of the Eastern Star, which has contributed very largely to the success of the Home.

The Annual Communication was held at Baltimore on November 16th and 17th, 1937. The Grand Master referred to the loss for the year of 552, and he stated that it was less than for some years and that the outlook was encouraging.

The Grand Master recommended that some token of appreciation be conferred upon those who had been members for fifty years or more and that a committee of three be appointed to select the emblems which will be presented to the recipients at the sessions of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master addressed a letter to the Masters of the constituent Lodges requesting them to prepare programmes in commemoration of the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States. He reported that many such meetings had been held and he felt sure that before the year closed most of the Lodges would observe the great event in the national life.

The Committee on Foreign Relations recommended that the request for recognition by the Grand Lodge of Colombia at Barranquilla and of the Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia be declined. They also advised that recognition be not extended to the Grand Lodge of France on the ground that men who deny the existence of the Deity may be admitted to membership in Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

M.W. Bro. Henry B. Wright was re-elected Grand Master.

MASSACHUSETTS

Grand Master Claude L. Allen. Lodges 311. Members 107,154. Loss 3,180. Quarterly Communications were held March 11th, June 10th, September 9th and December 9th, and the Stated Communication on December 28th, 1936. Six Special Communications were held during the year, at Norwood on April 13th for the purpose of celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Orient Lodge, at Falmouth on April 27th to dedicate a Masonic Temple, at Springfield on May 15th to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Indian Orchard Lodge, at Boston on May 19th to observe the 10th Anniversary of Brotherhood Lodge, at Holliston on May 28th to dedicate the Temple of Mount Hollis Lodge, and at Rochester on September 10th for the purpose of participating in a reception given by Rabboni Lodge to M.W. Bro. Harold N. Rust, the Grand Master of Pennsylvania.

At the Quarterly Communication in March M.W. Bro. Martin J. Dietz, the Grand Master of New Jersey, and M.W. Bro. H. C. Edgerton, the Grand Master of New Hampshire, were distinguished guests.

The Grand Master reported that R.W. Bro. Irvin V. Gillis, who had served as District Grand Master of the Lodges in China for thirteen years, had tendered his resignation which had been reluctantly accepted, and that R.W. Bro. V. F. Bradfield had been installed in his stead. The Grand Master spoke very highly of the services rendered by R.W. Bro. Gillis in China. He also reported the gift of \$800.00 by the Brethren in the Canal Zone to be used in the discretion of the Grand Master. It was decided to use the money for some improvements in the Home or Hospital.

During the fiscal year 1934-35 Grand Lodge and the constituent Lodges expended the sum of \$306,500.00 in support of benevolence. Of this sum \$106,400.00 was expended by the constituent Lodges from their own funds, which was considerably less than the amount spent in any of the three years preceding. Reference was made to the fact that while Grand Lodge spent about \$200,000.00 for benevolence the income from Grand Lodge dues for the purpose was only \$189,300.00.

The Grand Master made extended reference to the fact that many applicants for degrees do not understand the nature, meaning and purpose of Freemasonry. Some regard it as a social club, some expect business advantages from it, and others regard it as a benefit organization. Such ideas lead to friction and perhaps some of the losses in membership are due to this misunderstanding. Some Jurisdictions have prepared a statement to be placed in the hands of applicants intending to clear away misunderstandings and the Grand Master suggested the preparation of some statement of a general character for use in Massachusetts.

The Grand Master reported on the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington and made extended reference to the address of the Grand Master of Texas on building projects. He spoke with approval of the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas in requiring the submission of temple projects to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge and advised some such action in Massachusetts.

The proceedings contain an address given by the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. Claude L. Allen, at the Conference of Grand Masters on the subject, "Gambling Devices and Lotteries." He referred to the action of the Board of General Purposes of the Grand Lodge of England in 1935, in stating that:

"The gravamen of the offence consisted in the public sales and

distribution of lottery tickets and upon this ground the conducting of lotteries by Masonic bodies was condemned even though the proceeds were entirely devoted to Masonic charities and the prizes were presented by generous Brethren."

He pointed out that in many Jurisdictions there are codes expressly forbidding participation by members in the lotteries but was of the opinion that no code was needed as the common law of Masonry furnished all the authority necessary to deal with the question. One of the first principles of Masonry is to observe the laws of the country and where there is no law dealing with the subject the test is, does the act in question reflect upon the good name of the Order?

At the Quarterly Communication in June the Grand Masters of New York and Rhode Island were present. The Grand Master referred at length to the By-Laws exempting members from payment of dues after a certain number of years or when they have attained a certain age. 158 out of the 311 Lodges have such By Laws. He stated that the practice had created an acute problem for many Lodges on account of the loss of revenue. He suggested that all such By Laws be given serious consideration by the Lodges concerned. He also referred to the practice of granting life memberships for a consideration and thinks life membership should not be granted except for twenty times the annual dues and that the monies so realized should be segregated in a permanent fund.

At the Quarterly Communication in December the Acting Grand Master, R.W. Bro. Joseph E. Perry, gave some very interesting material with respect to the history of Masonry. He stated that the Grand Lodge of England was the first Grand Lodge in the world established on the modern basis of Speculative Masonry, and that it has Masonic precedence in the entire world; and that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has Masonic precedence in the United States and throughout the world except England and Ireland, whose Grand Lodges ante-dated Massachusetts. The Grand Lodge of Scotland ranks fourth in precedence and has Lodge No. 1, Edinburgh, whose records date back to 1599, ante-dating those of any other Lodge in the world.

M.W. Bro. Harvey N. Shepard, Grand Master in 1883, died on April 14th, 1936, at the age of 84 years. He was long active in Grand Lodge affairs and was prominent for many years in the public life of Boston and the State of Massachusetts.

At the Stated Communication on December 28th, the Grand Masters of New Jersey, Rhode Island, Louisiana and Vermont were distinguished guests. At six o'clock the Brethren assembled for the Grand Feast. The menu contained a portrait of R.W. Bro. Henry Price, the first Provincial Grand Master, who was in office in 1736. The Grand Master, who represented the Grand Lodge at the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, gave an interesting account of his visit there and an address was given by M.W. Bro. Robert F. Kennon, the Grand Master of Louisiana.

MICHIGAN

93rd Annual Communication at Mount Clemens, May 25th and 26th, 1937. Grand Master Neil E. Reid. Lodges 510. Members 115,268. Loss 3,842. Among the distinguished visitors were R.W. Bro. W. J. Dunlop and R.W. Bro. Sidney Martin, Deputy Grand Master and Junior Grand Warden respectively of the Grand Lodge

of Canada in Ontario. A civic welcome was extended by the Mayor of Mount Clemens who presented the Grand Master with a bouquet of roses as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his fellow citizens. 19 Past Grand Masters were present and 57 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Ira A. Beck. 474 Lodges were represented, there being 36 not represented.

The Grand Master stated that the loss in membership was more apparent than real, that many members who had been received during periods of enthusiasm had proved to be little interested and had been struck from the rolls for non-payment of dues. He is of the opinion that there are more active Masons in the State now than a year ago.

During the year this Grand Lodge suffered a great loss in the death of the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. L. B. Winsor, whom the Grand Master described as "the most distinguished Mason in the State of Michigan." He was respected, honoured and loved by the entire Fraternity, he was Grand Master in 1897 and served as Grand Secretary for 33 years. M.W. Bro. F. Homer Newton, Past Grand Master, was appointed to the position of Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master stated that the Masonic Home at Alma was constructed and paid for during the time of the darkest depression. He referred to the activities of governments and communities in granting relief and stated that by reason of these activities some of the burdens of the Fraternity had been lifted but that there is still need of the Fraternity seeing that the special objects of Masonic bounty receive the attention they deserve. The Maintenance Fund for the Home increased during the year. The cost of maintenance was approximately \$71,000.00. There are 135 residents in the Home and there is an Endowment Fund of \$330,000.00.

There is a very large sum of Grand Lodge dues outstanding. According to the report of the Grand Secretary the amount totals \$81,967.00.

M.W. Bro. William H. Parker was elected as Grand Master for 1937-38.

MISSISSIPPI

119th Annual Communication at Vicksburg, February 16th and 17th, 1937. Grand Master G. W. Holloway. Lodges 328. Members 20,649. Gain 219. Prior to the opening of Grand Lodge public exercises were held at which a musical programme was rendered and addresses of welcome were delivered on behalf of the Masons of Vicksburg and by the Grand Matron of the Eastern Star. 202 constituent Lodges were represented, there being 76 not represented. This Grand Lodge enjoyed an increase in membership in the year 1936. The Grand Secretary stated that the increase would have been greater had it not been for the fact that four Lodges filed no return for 1936 and it had been necessary to drop 144 members shown by the last return. On February 1st, 1937, Grand Lodge dues outstanding for 1936 amounted to \$8,944.00 but prior to the date of the meeting the amount of \$7,571.00 had been paid. There is a Masonic Home Endowment Fund of \$147,500.00 and an Educational Endowment Fund of \$98,680.00. Seven Lodges surrendered their Charters during the year.

The Finance Committee reported an increase of \$2,253.00 in the operating funds and stated that there was a better general condition than had prevailed for a number of years. Notes outstanding from

constituent Lodges for arrears of dues were reduced appreciably but there is still a balance exceeding \$2,000.00. The Masonic Homes operated within the appropriations and \$25,000.00 and \$20,000.00 were appropriated for the Homes at Meridian and Columbus respectively. The per capita tax is \$2.50 apportioned as follows: Masonic relief 30 cents, General Fund 65 cents, Home Maintenance \$1.40 and District Deputy Fund 15 cents.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. T. G. Ellis. In a foreword Bro. Ellis refers to the death of M.W. Bro. Henry C. Yawn who for many years was the Foreign Correspondent for the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The time at the disposal of Bro. Ellis to complete the reviews was short and he apologizes for their brevity. The writer regrets the passing of M.W. Bro. Yawn and desires to bear testimony to the splendid work he did as correspondent for many years. He extends his best wishes to Bro. Ellis and his best wishes for success in his arduous work.

MISSOURI

117th Annual Communication at St. Louis September 28th and 29th, 1937. Grand Master George W. Walker. Lodges, 618 Members 90,409. Loss 1,318. Prior to the opening of Grand Lodge entertainment was rendered by the children in the Masonic Home. The Grand Master reported that he had made an effort during the year to promote a voluntary contribution to the building fund of the Masonic Home and that this had been his most pleasant duty. While the amount he desired had not been acquired the response had been most encouraging. He drew attention to the fact that the \$10.00 fee on each petition collected from 1922 to 1933 provided the nucleus of the building fund for the Home and that had this fee been collected in 1936 and 1937 alone the sum of \$23,950.00 would have been available for the building. He advised that the fee be again collected on each petition. There are 361 residents in the Home which is now overcrowded. The result of a survey shows that two buildings are needed, one for women and one for girls. The per capita cost in 1936 was \$527.00 as compared with the highest average of \$558.00 in 1929, and the least, in 1933, of \$439.00. The assets of the Home are valued at \$2,300,000.0. There is an Endowment Fund of \$1,128,760.00.

As a result of his observations while travelling throughout the Jurisdiction the Grand Master appointed a Special Committee concerning liquor, gambling and lotteries, such Committee to report at the Annual Communication. In making its report the Committee recommended that the existing laws of Grand Lodge be enforced and that both subjects were fully covered by the existing Code.

472 veteran buttons were presented during the year to members who had been Masons for 50 years or more. The Grand Master reported having presented a number of the buttons and stated that nothing had given him greater pleasure.

One Charter was surrendered and one arrested during the year. The Grand Master laid the cornerstones of six public buildings.

This Grand Lodge has a Building Supervisory Board which concerns itself with the building projects of the constituent Lodges. During the year twelve applications with respect to buildings were considered and dealt with.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Ray V. Denslow

and is topical in character. There is a lengthy reference to the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as the most outstanding Masonic event of the year. The activities of the Grand Lodge of England are referred to in detail with a special reference to the Masonic charities there carried on. Much useful information is given as to Masonry in Scandinavian countries and Mexico, Central America, South America, the West Indies and Continental Europe. Indeed, to those interested in Masonry in the world I can commend this review of events.

MONTANA

73rd Annual Communication at Helena, August 18th and 19th, 1937. Grand Master John Kain. Lodges 135. Members 18,059. Loss 18. M.W. Bro. C. M. Pollock, the Grand Master of North Dakota; M.W. Bro. William H. Thompson, the Grand Master of Idaho, and M.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay, Past Grand Master of Alberta, were among the distinguished visitors.

Three Past Grand Masters passed away during the year. M.W. Bro. James A. Monteath, Ernest M. Hutchinson and Charles S. Bell. A brief memorial service was held in honour of these departed Brethren and the proceedings contain memorials to each of them.

The Grand Master represented the Grand Lodge at the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and gave a very interesting account of his experience there. He stated that there were twenty-one present from the United States and eight from Canada, among them M.W. Bro. V. H. Macaulay of the Province of Alberta. The Grand Master was impressed by the gathering and stated that it was an indication of the great influence which the Masons could exert upon the peace of the world.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in February, 1937. Many subjects of interest to the Craft were discussed such as Grand Lodge relief funds, Masonic publicity and financial affairs of constituent Lodges. The Grand Master thinks that the Grand Secretary should attend the Conference.

The sale of intoxicating liquors appears to be troubling this Jurisdiction. At present any Mason who engages in the sale of intoxicating liquor or acts as a bar tender is guilty of un-Masonic conduct and a charge may be preferred against him. On account of the change in the liquor laws the question has arisen as to whether the constitution should not be altered and the Grand Master expressed the opinion that additional regulations are required on the subject.

The Grand Master referred to the small loss of 18 members and thought the outlook very encouraging. The membership of many Lodges which are located outside the drought area has increased. All Lodges but two made their annual returns. There are a number of Lodges, however, in arrears with their dues. Twenty-two Lodges reported no work done during the year.

The maintenance of the Masonic Home cost \$52,675.00, which was slightly less than the revenue for the purpose. The assets of the Home are valued at \$425,000.00 and there is an Endowment Fund of \$147,500.00. At the close of the year there were 44 residents in the Home. The per capita tax for the support of the Home is \$1.00. There was expended from the General Relief Fund the sum of \$1,470.00.

On the evening of the first day of the Communication the new Grand Lodge Library, Museum and office building at Helena was Dedicated. The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the National Grand Lodge of Czechoslovakia, the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings, the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, the Grand Lodge of Chili and the Grand Lodge of Vienna.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. H. S. Hepner. There is appended to the review a record of the activities of the Grand Lodge which gives a very brief outline of the important events of the past two or three years. 64 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them the Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936. There is a reference to the visit to Saskatchewan of M.W. Bro. George W. Craven, now deceased. Every Mason in Saskatchewan who attended the Grand Lodge meeting in 1936 remembers this visit. All were delighted to have the then Grand Master of Montana present and all regretted his sudden demise. There is a lengthy reference to the address of the Grand Master on the subject of Freemasonry and its steady influence upon the affairs of man.

NEBRASKA

80th Annual Communication at Omaha, June 8th and 9th, 1937. Grand Master C. A. Phillips. Lodges 291. Members 33,180. Loss 637. After the opening ceremony a presentation of the United States Flag took place, this being the first time in the history of the Grand Lodge that a formal presentation of the Flag had been made.

The 17 Past Grand Masters present were presented according to their seniority and were welcomed by the Grand Master who stated that all appreciated the services rendered by them during the years. The Grand Masters of Kansas and Missouri were distinguished guests. M.W. Bro. Francis E. White, Grand Secretary emeritus was welcomed by the Grand Master, who made reference to the services rendered by M.W. Bro. White and expressed the opinion that Grand Lodge had been fortunate in having such men in the earlier days.

This Jurisdiction mourned the loss of two Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. Orville A. Andrews, Grand Master in 1930, and M.W. Bro. John Wright, Grand Master in 1925. Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held for the purpose of conducting the funerals of these distinguished Brethren.

On November 21st, 1936, the 11 Lodges of Omaha entertained a large number of Masons from Des Moines, Iowa, who arrived by special train which was manned by Masons only. The visitors were accompanied by the Grand Master of Iowa, M.W. Bro. T. B. Throckmorton, who was welcomed by the Grand Master of Nebraska. The occasion will long be remembered by all who were fortunate enough to participate.

The Grand Master reported that he had travelled 19,500 miles by automobile and 5,300 miles by rail in making his visitations. A car was leased and put at his disposal for the year.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in February, 1937, which he attended and at which he delivered an address on the subject "Grand Lodge Relief Funds." He spoke very highly of the Conference which, he

states, presents an opportunity of meeting leaders of Masonry in the United States.

In the opinion of the Grand Master there is a forward trend in the Jurisdiction and also a serious effort to improve the financial conditions of the constituent Lodges, a marked improvement in obedience to the regulations and a more charitable consideration for the welfare and happiness of others.

This Grand Lodge has total funds amounting to \$575,000.00, including an Orphans' Education Fund of \$189,000.00 and a Home Endowment Fund of \$105,000.00.

The number of members delinquent in their dues was 8,473 as compared with 8,626 last year. The amount outstanding is \$87,648.00 as compared with \$86,588.00 last year. The average for each delinquent is \$10.34. The membership was 42,150 on December 31st, 1929, and has declined to 33,180. The Committee on Masonic Education is of the opinion that while a part of the loss has been due to inability of some members to pay their dues, a larger part is due to a loss of interest on the part of the members. Emphasis was laid on the need of education on Masonic subjects in order to sustain interest.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Edwin D. Crites. The review is topical in character and has been the subject of some criticism because the reviewer quotes largely from the various Jurisdictions and refrains from comment. The object of Bro. Crites, however, is to give readers a picture of Freemasonry in the world, leaving them to discriminate themselves. Among the subjects dealt with is that of Masonry in Brazil in regard to which there is a most instructive statement. Of interest to Saskatchewan is the address of the Rev. Samuel Farley on the life of Robert Burns, which was delivered at a meeting of Grand Lodge in Regina in 1935.

NEVADA

73rd Annual Communication at Las Vegas, June 10th, 1937. Grand Master T. T. Fairchild. Lodges 26. Members 3,080. Gain 48. 10 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication and 37 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. A Special Communication was held at Reno on June 13th, 1936, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. V. M. Henderson, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretary from 1930 to 1936. A Special Communication was also held at Carson City on August 8th, 1936, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of a high school building.

The Grand Master stated that in his visitations he found the Craft in Nevada in a healthy and thriving condition and commented upon the fact that again an increase in membership is shown. The financial condition of the subordinate Lodges is good and harmony prevails everywhere.

The Grand Master referred to the establishing of dictatorships in Europe and to the abolition in some countries of freedom of religion, freedom of the press, the right of assemblage and the right of free speech. He recommended that the Grand Lodge go on record as opposed to Communism, Fascism and Nazi-ism. This portion of the Grand Master's address was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence and was by that Committee approved and on motion was adopted by Grand Lodge. The writer cannot help

but comment that actions of this kind are contrary entirely to the injunctions contained in the Ancient Charges.

The Grand Secretary reported that the tabulation of membership in 1936 was in error in showing a loss of 23 as there was in fact a gain of 1. He also reported a gain of 48 for the current year. He commented favourably upon the fact that all Lodge reports were in and every account paid.

The Committee on the Legitimacy of Grand Lodges recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings and the National Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia.

The Review of Correspondence is by V.W. Bro. R. H. Parker, the Grand Secretary. In a foreword Bro. Parker pays tribute to the work of M.W. Bro. V. M. Henderson, the former Grand Secretary and Foreign Correspondent, who died in the month of June, 1936, and expresses the hope that he may be able to complete his unfinished task with credit to Masonry. He states that the major issues before many Jurisdictions are Masonic education, membership, and the ever present liquor question. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1935 and 1936 are very kindly dealt with.

NEW BRUNSWICK (1936)

Grand Master G. Percival Burchill. Lodges 44. Members 5,423. Loss 133. Five Past Grand Masters were present and 17 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. 33 constituent Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master made reference to the death of His Majesty King George V, stating that the profound sorrow of millions of his subjects was shared by the peoples of other nations, and that world wide messages of sympathy were expressed for the great loss sustained by the Empire. In his kingly and private life he was the personification of all the manly virtues and the memory of his life will recall him as one of the greatest rulers in history.

The Grand Master in reporting his visitations spoke of the comparative ease with which visits may be made with the aid of the motor car and paid a tribute to the pioneers of earlier days for much time was required and inconvenience suffered in making visitations to the constituent Lodges.

The Constitution provides that the place of the annual meeting shall be fixed by Grand Lodge and failing this that the annual sessions shall be held at St. John. The Grand Master expressed the opinion that an amendment might be considered permitting the Board of General Purposes to accept an invitation from any Lodge to entertain Grand Lodge because of the great changes in transportation and travelling facilities and because many of the Lodges are in a position to adequately accommodate meetings of Grand Lodge.

The sum of \$2,278.00 was expended in benevolence to 26 recipients. There is a Benevolent Fund of \$66,000.00. As the result of a suggestion for the building of a Home or joining with Nova Scotia in their Home a committee met a committee appointed by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia and after careful consideration it was decided that if the project were commenced the Grand Lodge itself should begin in a small way. The committee is still considering the project.

NEW BRUNSWICK (1937)

70th Annual Communication at St. John, August 26th, 1937. Grand Master Guy H. Humphrey. Lodges 44. Members 5,351. Loss 76. Five Past Grand Masters were present and sixteen Grand Jurisdictions were represented. Representatives from thirty-nine of the constituent Lodges were in attendance. W. M. Bro. Robert A. Gordon, Past Grand Master of Prince Edward Island, was a distinguished visitor. The Grand Master visited 23 of the constituent Lodges. He was unable to accept invitations to visit sister Grand Lodges because of pressure of business.

The Grand Master asked that the Grand Representatives take a little more active interest in their duties and correspond with the representatives of the sister Grand Lodges. He reported that in the proceedings of some of the Grand Lodges the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick is not mentioned and he is of the opinion that activity on the part of the Grand Representatives can remedy this neglect.

The Grand Secretary reported that several of the Lodges are indebted to Grand Lodge for fees and dues and also for merchandise forwarded to them. He felt, however, that all arrears would be forthcoming at a later date. Annual returns were received from all the Lodges giving complete figures as to degrees conferred and other information as to the membership.

There is a Benevolent Fund of \$72,000.00 and the amount distributed for relief during the year was \$1,385.00.

The Grand Historian reported that he had succeeded in obtaining a fairly full history of 38 of the Lodges and has assembled historical data about the Lodges to the extent of 322 typewritten pages.

A Memorial Tablet was unveiled to the memory of R.W. Bro. John T. Hartt who was Grand Secretary for nearly forty years. It was decided to procure a portrait of the late Grand Secretary to be placed on the walls of the Lodge room.

M.W. Bro. Humphrey was again chosen Grand Master for the year 1937-38. There is no review of correspondence.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

148th Annual Communication at Concord May 19th, 1937. Grand Master Halsey Edgerton. Lodges 81. Members 13,456. Loss 163. A Special Communication was held at Portsmouth on June 24th, 1936, for the purpose of celebrating the 200th Anniversary of St. John's Lodge No. 1.

The Semi-annual Communication was held on November 17th, 1936, at the City of Manchester at which 55 Lodges were represented. 9 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication and 38 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. John J. Tilton. All the constituent Lodges except one were represented.

M.W. Bro. Harry M. Cheney, Grand Master in 1902 and 1903, died on January 1st, 1937. He was the senior Past Grand Master and had been most active in Grand Lodge affairs for many years. In 1907 he was appointed Foreign Correspondent and continued in that capacity until his death, a period of thirty years. He had also been Grand Secretary since 1910. The Grand Master referred at length to the services rendered to Masonry by this distinguished Brother,

stating that "he was a tower of strength, a mine of wisdom and an inexhaustible source of Masonic information".

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in February, 1937, and in reporting to Grand Lodge referred to the subjects there discussed. All of them were of general Masonic interest such as Grand Lodge relief funds, Masonic publicity, financial affairs of Lodges, Masonic Conditions in Europe, and Endowment funds. He also referred to the George Washington Masonic Memorial and its state of incompleteness. New Hampshire holds the lead in the amount contributed towards the construction of the memorial in proportion to Masonic population.

This Grand Lodge was formed in 1789 and will be 150 years old in 1939. The Grand Master suggested the appointment of a Special Committee to make arrangements for the 150th Anniversary.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Frederick W. Sawyer. In a foreword Bro. Sawyer makes reference to the death of M.W. Bro. Cheney who had been Foreign Correspondent for 30 years and who passed away during the year. The Grand Master asked M.W. Bro. Sawyer to complete the work which had been partly performed by Bro. Cheney previous to his death. The foreword contains an extract from Bro. Cheney's work in 1936 in which he paid a tribute to his predecessor in office, Bro. Albert S. Wait, who also served as correspondent for 30 years. M.W. Bro. Sawyer paid a most merited tribute to the work of Bro. Cheney saying that "no man in our Grand Jurisdiction has ever attained such a high place in the minds of the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world as our late lamented Grand Secretary." The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 receive very kindly reference.

NEW JERSEY

150th Annual Communication at Trenton, April 21st and 22nd, 1937. Grand Master Charles B. Folley. Lodges 278. Members 79,790. Loss 2,730. An Emergent Communication was held at Trenton on November 8th, 1936, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. Woodbury Holt, Past Grand Master.

The year 1936 marked the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge, and an Emergent Communication was held at Trenton on December 19th, 1936, for the purpose of celebrating the occasion. There was a large attendance from every part of the State, 160 Lodges being represented and practically all Grand Lodge Officers being present. The Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Virginia, New York, Rhode Island, Vermont and Delaware were represented. An address of welcome was given by the Grand Master and M.W. Bro. Jacob C. Klinck, the Grand Master of New York, responded on behalf of the visitors. The Grand Historian, R.W. Bro. David McGregor, delivered an address "Looking Backward" in which he gave a very interesting account of the development of Masonry in New Jersey and stated that the Masons of New Jersey make three very definite claims: (1) The first known Freemason in America, (2) The first Provincial Grand Master in America, and (3) The first native born American to be made a Mason. In the evening the Anniversary dinner was held at which about 1,100 were present.

The proceedings contain a history of Freemasonry in New Jersey by R.W. Bro. David McGregor. The history comprises 125 pages, is

most complete and must be of great interest to the Masons of the State.

At the Annual Communication 19 Past Grand Masters were present and 272 Lodges were represented, only six being without representation. Distinguished visitors were present from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Virginia, North Carolina, Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware. The Grand Representatives of other Jurisdictions were welcomed by the Grand Master and asked to convey the good wishes of the Grand Lodge of New Jersey to their respective Jurisdictions.

The Grand Master commended the Trustees of the Masonic Home Board for the time and interest they devote to the work of the Home. There is a waiting list for admission and the Board is now giving consideration to building a suitable addition so that all may be accommodated. There are 237 residents in the Home and in addition 155 are being cared for outside the Home.

The Grand Master referred to the subject of arrears of dues, stating that it was a matter of grave concern to practically all the Lodges and he expressed the opinion that the condition had resulted from too much leniency to delinquent members. He advised the adoption of a certain procedure leading to suspension unless the Lodge by vote decides to remit unpaid dues.

The General Fund showed a balance for the year's operations. There was appropriated to the Home Maintenance Fund \$1.50 per capita amounting to \$115,199.00. The total revenue from all sources for the year was \$308,554.00.

The Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence is R.W. Bro. David McGregor. 67 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1936. There is a reference to the remarks of the Grand Master on the steady influence of Freemasonry in the affairs of men and nations. The work of the Benevolent Fund Trustees is favourably commented upon and attention is called to the report of the Commission on the Condition of Masonry.

NEW MEXICO

59th Annual Communication at Santa Fe, March 15th, 1937. Grand Master Edward R. Paul. Lodges 54. Members 5,813. Gain 31. Several Grand Lodge Officers of the Grand Lodge of Colorado were present. An address of welcome was given by Bro. Charles Wheelon, Past Master of Montezuma Lodge No. 1 of Santa Fe.

The Grand Master was called upon for no rulings during the year and he attributed this fact to the excellent work of the Grand Lecturer on the occasions of his visits to the Lodges.

The Grand Master called the attention of Grand Lodges to the fact that the Supreme Court of the State has recently ruled that the revenue producing property of the Lodges not used directly for Lodge purposes is liable for taxes and he exhorted the Brethren to see that the taxes for which they were liable were paid.

The attention of Grand Lodge was called to the fact that the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States will be celebrated commencing on September 17th next. The Congress of the United States has established a Commission to prepare plans and programmes and the Grand Master asked for the fullest co-operation to aid the Commission to carry out its plans.

7 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication and 43 constituent Lodges were represented. A reception was accorded the Past Grand Masters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that fraternal recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Colombia at Bogota, the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro, the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings, and the Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia. They also recommended that the Grand Lodge of Sweden and the National Grand Lodge of Denmark be asked to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of New Mexico on the ground that the request should come from the Grand Lodge of New Mexico as the Grand Lodges of Sweden and Denmark were much older.

All constituent Lodges made their annual returns for the year ending December 31st, 1936, with remittances covering the Grand Lodge dues. 7 Special Communications were held during the year, three for the installation of Grand Lodge Officers, one for the purpose of conducting the funeral of Bro. Alex. D. Goldenberg, a Past Master of Tucumari Lodge No. 27, one to lay the cornerstone of a church, and two for the purpose of dedicating new Lodge rooms.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. John Milne. 51 Jurisdictions are reviewed. Saskatchewan, however, is not among them.

NEW MEXICO

60th Annual Communication at Albuquerque, October 18th and 19th, 1937. Grand Master Raymond E. Drolet. Lodges 54. There does not appear to be a record of the membership nor as to whether there was a loss or gain during the year. A Special Communication was held at Albuquerque on March 24th, 1937, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. Joseph Gill, Past Grand Master. Eight Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication and 37 constituent Lodges were represented. 17 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by W. Bro. Meyer D. Gibbs.

R.W. Bro. Alpheus A. Keen was installed as Grand Secretary for the fifty-fourth time. As a recognition of his long service he was made an honorary Past Grand Master. The Grand Master in his address expressed appreciation of the services and diligent work of the Grand Secretary and stated that he had always been a wise counsellor and a loyal friend.

In welcoming the Grand Representatives the Grand Master stated that the friendship among the Jurisdictions meant a renewed fellowship not only in the United States but throughout the world and that peace and harmony were required at this time in order that peace should prevail in the world.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. John Milne. In a foreword Bro. Milne states that Masonry in the United States is rapidly regaining lost ground and that there is an increase in confidence and optimism among all the Grand Lodges in the country. He states that he sees no danger ahead for Masonry in the British Empire or in the United States but issues a warning that it is possible for the same thing to happen in these countries as has happened in several countries in Europe. He points out that Masonry is doomed where dictatorships flourish and emphasizes the view that if Masonry ever becomes an outlawed organization the political, economic and social life which Americans have known will have

passed away. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1937 are given very kindly reference.

NEW SOUTH WALES

Grand Master His Excellency Lord Gowrie. Lodges 602. Members 59,211. Gain 16. Quarterly Communications were held on the 9th of September and the 9th of December, 1936, and on the 10th of March and 9th of June, 1937. A Special Communication was held on the 12th of August, 1936, for the purpose of proclaiming His Excellency Lord Gowrie who had been re-elected Grand Master and for the Investiture of Grand Lodge Officers. A Special Communication was also held on the 7th of June, 1937, for the purpose of nominating Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing year.

At the Special Communication in August, 1936, the Grand Master announced the re-appointment of M.W. Bro. F. A. Maguire as Pro Grand Master and R.W. Bro. D. H. Christison as Deputy Grand Master. In thanking the Brethren for the honour again conferred upon him, Lord Gowrie stated that on account of his official position he had not the opportunity of taking the active part in the ceremonies which he desired. He also said that he had just completed a tour of the continent of Australia and that one of the strongest impressions made upon him was the influence exerted by the Craft on the people of the continent. He pleaded for unity throughout the continent stating that a united British Empire is the keystone of civilization to-day. He emphasized the meaning of fraternity and pointed out that it means looking for the best in our fellow men, looking with leniency on their failings, taking a charitable view of each other and putting the best construction on the actions of our neighbours.

The Grand Lodge funds appear to be in a sound position. There is a General Fund of £35,495, a Benevolent Fund of £77,500 and an Endowment for the Masonic schools and hostel of £130,700.

The Review of Foreign Correspondence is by V.W. Bro. William Epps. The review is topical in character and is preceded by a brief world survey in which it is stated that in Great Britain and the Dominions there is much more optimism than in the preceding year and that financially there is a feeling of hopefulness for a reversion to the more prosperous conditions which existed prior to the depression. The outstanding event of the year is referred to as the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. There is a lengthy reference to the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States on September 7th, 1937, and to the celebration of that Anniversary by the various Grand Lodges of the United States. There is also an account of the suspension of relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines by the Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, Scotland and Massachusetts.

The reviewer finds a diversity of opinion on the subject of life membership but states that in all instances the dues payable to Grand Lodge must be met. In several Jurisdictions, including England, life membership is not prohibited but the opinion is that too frequent granting of it is fraught with danger. The honour should only be granted where age requirements and distinguished service to the Craft prompt the Lodge to confer life or honorary membership.

NEW YORK

156th Annual Communication at the City of New York, May 4th and 5th, 1937. Grand Master Jacob C. Klinck. Lodges 1,036. Members 269,096. Loss 9,152. M.W. Bro. Robert E. Owens, Past Grand Master, passed away on July 13th, 1936. The Grand Master paid an extended tribute to his life and work, stating that he was tireless in his endeavours to promote the best interests and the highest ideals of the Fraternity. The Grand Master also referred to the death during the year of Rev. S. Parkes Cadman, D.D., who was Grand Chaplain for a period of twenty-eight years.

The Grand Master spoke of all too many Lodges having found themselves embarrassed financially. In order to help such Lodges a Committee on Lodge Records and Finances was set up some years ago, its duties being to help Lodges in financial difficulties. The necessity of correct book and record keeping has been emphasized and the budget system is recommended for every Lodge.

The Grand Master spoke approvingly of Masons refraining, on the Sabbath Day, from the practice of amusements. He stated "Sunday is a day of rest and as such it should be preserved and observed." The "Go to Church Sunday" is observed throughout the Jurisdiction and reports indicate that church services on that day were attended by a greater number this year than ever before.

This Grand Lodge celebrated its 200th Annual Communication at this Communication. Grand Masters were present from several neighbouring Jurisdictions and the occasion culminated on the evening of May 5th with a banquet which was addressed by several visitors.

The Grand Master made reference to the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States to be observed in the fall of 1937. He spoke of the fact that patriotic organizations, religious bodies and fraternal groups were preparing fitting programmes and asked that appropriate programmes be prepared for the celebration of the occasion by the Masons of the Jurisdiction.

Reference was made to Lodge programmes and discussions, and the Grand Master pointed out that there are many controversial questions involving political or quasi-political subjects, religious beliefs and their comparative value, which must be avoided as forbidden by Masonic law. If there is any doubt about whether a subject should be discussed or not the advice of the District Deputy Grand Master should be taken.

It has been suggested by some in this Jurisdiction that favours should be shown to the sons of members in the matter of initiation fees and annual dues with the object of attracting the young men. The Grand Master sees no valid objection within limits which should be fixed by Grand Lodge but suggested that thought be given whether the same favour should not be shown to young men whose fathers are not Masons.

Reference was made to the edict of the Grand Master with respect to lotteries and other gambling practices. The purpose of the edict was to remind the Craft that Freemasonry is a law abiding institution and that what is forbidden by law must not be indulged in by Freemasons. The Grand Master referred at length to the United Grand Lodge of England, stating that while Jurisdictions in the United States have been losing members England has increased

the number of Lodges and members. He referred to the public esteem in which Masonry is held in England and thinks this is due partly to the fact that there Masonry is regarded as one of the props of Empire, and partly to the benevolent work carried on in the institutions for boys and girls and for the aged and infirm. He also spoke of the real care taken in the examination of candidates for admission. Contributions to the institutions in 1936 totalled one and one-half million dollars, about 40% more than the Grand Lodge of New York raised in dues and from other sources.

The sum of \$518,296.00 was expended on the organized charities for the year. Since 1930 an operative deficit has accumulated, largely due to decrease in numbers. In 1930 the membership was 346,413. It is now 269,096, a loss of 77,317. There was expended on the Home at Utica the sum of \$279,171.00. There are 575 residents in the Home and in addition 343 persons were cared for outside the Home.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence was not prepared to extend recognition to the Grand Lodge of Chiapas, Mexico, at the present time, and advised that fraternal relations with the Grand Lodge of Para, Brazil, be terminated.

The proceedings contain a complete account of the celebration of the 200th Annual Communication on the evening of May 5th. The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. S. Nelson Sawyer. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very kindly reviewed with references to the work of the Committee on Masonic Education, to the Benevolent Fund, and to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

NEW ZEALAND

47th Annual Communication at Dunedin, November 25th, 1936. Grand Master M.W. Bro. J. J. Esson. Lodges 302. Members 25,446. Loss 18. Before opening Grand Lodge the Grand Master called upon the Brethren to unite in paying respect to the memory of King George V. He made reference to the mourning of the whole Empire, and of the deceased Sovereign he said that "through all his reign he kept the law of the Most High and when he was proved he was found faithful." The Grand Master paid extended tribute to Sir Francis Henry Dillon Bell, who died at the age of 85 years and who was Grand Master in 1885. For some years he was Mayor of the City of Wellington and represented that City in Parliament and for a time was Acting Prime Minister. He was an outstanding man in the social, political and Masonic life of the country. Another Past Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. J. Clarke, passed away during the year. He was Grand Master in 1929 and for many years was active both as a Mason and in the affairs of his country.

Viscount Galway was elected Grand Master for 1937. Viscount Galway is a Past Grand Warden of the United Grand Lodge of England and during the time he has been in New Zealand has displayed a great interest in Masonry.

The Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. J. Esson, in taking leave of the Brethren, referred to the progress of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand from a body of 47 Lodges and 1,236 members to a body now of 302 Lodges and 25,446 members and cash balances in the various funds of £164,813. The sum of £7,165 was distributed during the year among various annuitants.

In 1935 this Grand Lodge decided to extend fraternal relations to the Grand Orient of Brazil. The tendency of most Grand Lodges, however, appears to be to extend recognition to the Grand Lodges in the various states of Brazil, although many refuse to do so on account of the unsettled conditions of Masonry there. In 1936 recognition was extended to the Grand Lodge of Colombia at Bogota, and to the Grand Lodge Lessing of the Three Rings.

During the year the Board of General Purposes advised the Brethren that a spurious and clandestine Masonic organization known as "Co-Masonry" was operating in New Zealand. This body purports to confer the degrees of Masonry, admits women and invites members of the Craft to attend their meetings. The Brethren were warned that they must not attend these meetings as by so doing they would render themselves liable to Masonic discipline.

There is no Review of Correspondence but in a publication of the Grand Lodge the various Jurisdictions are dealt with from time to time.

Masonry in New Zealand seems to be in a most healthy condition and has not been affected to the same extent as the other Jurisdictions by the financial conditions of the past few years. The membership has been well sustained, the loss last year being only 18. This seems remarkable when one thinks of what has taken place in many other Jurisdictions.

NORTH CAROLINA

150th Annual Communication at Raleigh, April 20th and 21st, 1937. Grand Master J. Giles Hudson. Lodges 347. Members 27,088. Loss 360. Thirteen Past Grand Masters were present and 29 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Masters of South Carolina and Virginia were distinguished visitors. 192 constituent Lodges were represented. The Grand Master spoke of Masonic education and of its great need. This Grand Lodge has published a booklet, "The Lodge System of Masonic Education," which has received wide circulation and use by the members. The booklet has been published in the belief that no one can instruct another until he is himself prepared.

The Grand Master gave serious attention to delinquent Lodges during his year of office. In September, 1936, there were 136 delinquent Lodges owing in all \$29,000.00. A number of the Lodges, according to the Grand Master, were on the verge of ruin and an appeal was made to their Lodge loyalty. As a result many of them have improved their position. 106 of them have paid their arrears in full and the total amount collected exceeded \$19,000.00. The general condition of the Lodges has been greatly improved and much progress has been made.

Reference was made to members who are delinquent in their dues and the Grand Master expressed the opinion that when a member could pay and did not he should be suspended but when a member cannot pay his dues through no fault of his own it becomes the duty of the others to carry on for him; each case must be considered on its merits.

The Grand Master dealt with the subject of life membership, stating that many Lodges were facing financial difficulty as a result of granting them. He advised that the Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence consider the subject and propose a regulation governing it.

The Oxford Orphanage rendered service to 402 children during the year and there are at present 173 residents. The Grand Lodge appropriation for the year was \$45,000.00. The total expenditure on the institution was approximately \$145,000.00. There were 63 residents in the Masonic and Eastern Star Home and the cost of maintenance was \$24,500.00.

The Committee on Jurisprudence recommended a new regulation for life members providing that it should not be granted merely for continuous membership but only for meritorious service to Masonry and that the Lodge should not be exempt from the payment of Grand Lodge dues on life members.

Recognition was extended to the Grand Lodges of Chihuahua, Nuevo Leon, and Vera Cruz, all in Mexico.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. J. Edward Allen. In a foreword Bro. Allen emphasizes the fact that "Masonry regards no man for his worldly wealth or honours" but hints that in some Jurisdictions Masonic lodges appear to confer honours upon persons because of their position. He also deals at length with lotteries and states that such schemes should not be permitted in Masonry. The reviews of Bro. Allen are interesting, instructive and most comprehensive, a credit to himself and the Grand Lodge of North Carolina.

NORTH DAKOTA

48th Annual Communication at Fargo, June 15th and 16th, 1937. Grand Master W. H. Hutchinson. Lodges 129. Members 11,869. Loss 261. At the opening of Grand Lodge the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack were presented together in honour of a delegation present from the Grand Lodge of Manitoba. An address was given by W. Bro. R. A. Beard, 65 years a Mason, upon the theme, "Why is Freemasonry Worth While?" He pointed out that the primary work of Freemasonry is the building of manhood.

The delegation from Manitoba consisted of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. John F. Boyd; two past Grand Masters, M.W. Bro. William Douglas and M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, and M.W. Bro. John H. Russell. The Grand Masters of Minnesota, Montana and South Dakota were also present. 16 Past Grand Masters were present and were presented to and welcomed by the Grand Master.

The Grand Master referred to the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in the month of February which he was privileged to attend. 44 Grand Jurisdictions were represented there and many important subjects were discussed. He also spoke of the George Washington Memorial, stating that further progress has been made in its completion. North Dakota has already contributed her full quota for the completion of the building but the Grand Master hopes that further contributions will be made if crop conditions are favourable.

A Special Communication was held at Grafton in February, 1937, for the purpose of paying tribute to M.W. Bro. James McDonald, the senior living Past Grand Master, who was about to celebrate his 90th birthday. This distinguished Brother died very shortly afterwards, in the month of March, 1937, and on March 7th a Special Communication was held to conduct his funeral services. The Grand Secretary reported a visit to the Grand Lodge of Manitoba a week prior to the Communication. He delivered an address to the Grand

Lodge of Manitoba and was much impressed by the reception there accorded him.

In speaking of conditions in North Dakota the Grand Master stated that no Jurisdiction has had a larger share of misfortune than has been experienced during the last decade. The uncertainties of crop for years, the low prices and drought have combined to affect the State from the agricultural and economic point of view. During all the troublesome years, however, only three Lodges have felt compelled to surrender their Charters.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Vienna, being prompted to do so as a result of the visit of the Grand Secretary to Europe.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Walter H. Murfin. In presenting his report Bro. Murfin referred to improved conditions and stated that the decrease in membership in the United States had dropped below 100,000, that suspensions for non-payment of dues had fallen off materially and he hopes that a number of Grand Lodges will soon report increases. Attached to the report is a very instructive table of statistics for Canada and the United States. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very kindly referred to with a lengthy quotation from the address of the Grand Master on the subject of the influence of Masonry.

NOVA SCOTIA

72nd Annual Communication at Amherst, June 9th, 1937. Grand Master N. T. Avard. Lodges 84. Members 8,756. Loss 139. A Special Communication was held at Kingston on May 5th, 1936, for the purpose of dedicating Markland Lodge No. 99. Six Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication and 27 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. J. S. Smiley. 56 constituent Lodges were represented. Distinguished visitors were in attendance from New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

After the opening ceremony the Brethren proceeded to Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church where the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. Rev. R. C. White, delivered an inspiring sermon.

The Grand Master reported the most outstanding event of the year as the reconsecration service held in all Lodges in the Jurisdiction at the same hour on November 27th, 1936. On that occasion the Grand Master sent a message to be read in all the Lodges emphasizing the need of all members exhibiting high standards of character and citizenship in their respective communities.

The Grand Master attended the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in November, 1936. He reported the proceedings fully stating that the occasion was frequently referred to "as a real league of nations", and expressing the opinion that it was of great benefit to the Craft in general.

The Grand Secretary reported 17 more initiations in 1936 than in 1935 and a loss of 139 as compared with 184 in the previous year.

The Committee on Charity reported the expenditure of \$1,025.00 on 41 cases during the year. The number of residents in the Masonic Home is 29, and in addition the trustees of the Home assisted 11 others. The maintenance of the Home cost \$16,950.00 and the income was slightly in excess of this amount.

The Committee on the Bicentenary Commemoration for 1938 reported a tentative programme for the occasion.

The Committee of Past Grand Masters appointed at the last Communication to report on certain monies received from a campaign fund advised that as the monies were raised in contravention of public statutes that they should be returned to the source from whence they were obtained.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. J. C. Jones. In all 70 Jurisdictions are reviewed. In a foreword Bro. Jones reports a general improvement in practically all Jurisdictions. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very fully referred to and the statement made that the outstanding work of this Grand Lodge is that of the Committee on Masonic Education under the Chairmanship of W. Bro. Douglas Fraser.

OHIO

128th Annual Communication at Cleveland, October 21st and 22nd, 1937. Grand Master J. Philip Perry. Lodges 623. Members 176,215. Loss, 2,249. Fifteen Past Grand Masters were present and 614 constituent Lodges were represented, there being only nine without representation. All the Past Grand Masters present were presented to Grand Lodge in order of their seniority. The Grand Master extended a welcome to them and expressed appreciation of their co-operation and help during the year. Among the distinguished guests was R.W. Bro. R. C. Blagrove, Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of Canada in Ontario.

Addresses of welcome were delivered on behalf of the Masons of Cleveland and by the Mayor who extended a civic welcome.

M.W. Bro. Frank M. Ransbottom, Grand Master in 1921, passed away on February 28th, 1937. The Grand Master made an extended reference to the life and work of this distinguished Brother both as a Mason and a citizen.

The Grand Master made reference to the flood on the Ohio River in January, 1937, and to the suffering caused among many of the people as a result thereof. The sum of \$5,000.00 was contributed out of the Grand Master's Emergency Fund to the American Red Cross. Realizing, however, that much more would be required the Grand Master addressed a letter to all the Brethren in Ohio asking for assistance and for this purpose appointed a Masonic Flood Relief Committee. As a result the sum of \$32,373.00 was contributed, which was used for the relief of Masonic flood sufferers.

The Grand Master strongly advised the opening of Lodges on time, perfection in the ritual and good educational programmes as means of increasing attendance.

Reference was made by the Grand Master to open installations and he stated that they should be absolutely prohibited. (The writer has never heard of an open installation and feels certain it would not be permitted in any Canadian Jurisdiction.)

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington in February, 1937, and read a paper before the convention on the Financial Affairs of Lodges. Practically all the Grand Masters of the American Jurisdictions were present. The agenda included Grand Lodge relief funds, Masonic publicity, financial affairs of Lodges and Masonic conditions in Europe.

Reference was made to the Order of the Eastern Star and the pleasant and cordial relationship existing between the Order and the Masonic Fraternity. The Grand Master expressed the hope that the two organizations would always continue to work together for the common good.

The Grand Master spoke at length on the subject of gambling and stated that Masons could not permit raffles, punch boards, the selling of chances or any form of lottery to be held under Masonic auspices.

At the request of the Grand Master meetings were held in all the Lodges to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of the Constitution of the United States.

The Grand Secretary in commenting upon the loss in membership said that the record of the Lodges for the year was normal and that the loss was caused by suspensions for non-payment of dues.

Seven Emergent Communications were held during the year of which six were for the purpose of laying cornerstones for public buildings and one to dedicate a new Lodge room.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Earle Stewart. 64 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1937. There are references to the address of the Grand Master, M.W. Bro. J. W. Estey, to the resolution passed with respect to the Bicentenary of the first Lodge on Canadian soil to be held in Nova Scotia in July of 1938, and to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

OKLAHOMA

64th Annual Communication at Guthrie, February 9th, 10th and 11th, 1937. Grand Master John L. Stuart. Lodges 427. Members 47,711. Loss 347. 18 Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Masters of Kansas and Arkansas were distinguished guests. An address of welcome was delivered on behalf of the Masons, the Chamber of Commerce, and the citizens of Guthrie, by Bro. Frank H. McGuire. 46 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Bernie Herstein.

M.W. Bro. Joseph Drout, Grand Master in 1935, died on November 16th, 1936. The Grand Master paid a tribute to the life and work of this distinguished Brother who had served Grand Lodge in various capacities for many years.

On account of drought conditions over the whole state the contributions to the Endowment Fund were not large and the Grand Master thought it best not to make any effort to increase the fund during the year.

The Grand Master urged the Brethren to visit the Masonic Homes while in Guthrie where they would find a group of happy children who were being efficiently educated and trained for the duties of life and also a group of aged people who were well cared for in sickness and in health.

Nine Special Communications of Grand Lodge were held during the year for the purpose of laying the cornerstones of public buildings and two Communications for the dedication of Masonic Temples.

Correspondence took place with the Grand Lodge of Missouri concerning a Missouri member who disturbed the peace and harmony of Ottawa Lodge No. 478 to such an extent that the Brother

was tried by the Ottawa Lodge and subjected to discipline. But the action of the Ottawa Lodge was not recognized by the Brother's Lodge in Missouri. The 1936 proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Missouri show that a Committee was appointed in 1932 to investigate the matter and asked another year to complete the work.

The Grand Secretary in referring to the loss in membership stated that it was gradually diminishing and that the payments of Grand Lodge dues had been exceptionally good. Only four Lodges owed a portion of their 1935 dues and the total of the per capita tax was \$67,664.00. The payments to the Endowment Fund were about \$25,000.00.

The Maintenance of the Children's Home cost \$37,929.00 and of the Aged People's Home \$23,169.00, a total of \$61,098.00. There were 56 children and 84 adults in the Home.

M.W. Bro. Peter B. Arthur, Grand Master in 1899, addressed Grand Lodge, giving some very interesting facts concerning the early history of Masonry in Oklahoma. He has been a member of Grand Lodge for 53 years and is the senior living Past Grand Master.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Thomas C. Humphrey. In presenting his report Bro. Humphrey stated that it was the 32nd time he had presented the review. Bro. Humphrey has passed his 90th birthday. The writer wishes to extend to Bro. Humphrey his best wishes and to express the hope that he may be spared for many years yet to prepare the reviews for the Grand Lodge of Oklahoma. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very kindly referred to.

OREGON

87th Annual Communication at Portland, June 16th, 17th and 18th, 1937. Grand Master R. F. Peters. Lodges 173. Members 24,574. Ioss 439. 16 Past Grand Masters were present and 62 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Master reported that he had laid the cornerstones of six public buildings during his year of office and stated in this connection that it had been the custom of Masons from time immemorial to lay the cornerstones of public buildings. One Masonic Temple was dedicated. During the sessions of Grand Lodge the cornerstone of the State Capitol building at Salem was laid.

The Grand Master referred to the efficient work being carried on in the Masonic Home for the aged. Arrangements were made for a visit to the Home by the membership, following the practice established last year.

The Grand Master attended the Conference of Grand Masters in Washington in February of 1937 and reported that many subjects of general interest were discussed. He thinks, however, that the meetings might be improved if less time were taken in formal addresses and more time devoted to the discussion of problems before the Conference.

Reference was made to the George Washington Memorial and to the fact that it is still incomplete. The Grand Master reported that during the Conference the sum of \$70,000.00 was contributed by various Jurisdictions and that the sum of \$1.70 is required from every member, based on the 1932 membership. Oregon has contributed \$43,609.00 to date but in order to complete its quota the sum of \$9,450.00 is required.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that Masonry takes no part in politics nor permits the discussion of political matters in the Lodges. He stated, however, that as to those forms of government in regard to which there is no room for difference of opinion a different situation exists and that there is a right to discuss them in the Lodge. His reference was to those forms of government which do not tolerate Masonry and which threaten our liberties and our free institutions.

During the year the Grand Master was repeatedly asked if men engaged in various branches of the liquor business were eligible for membership. To these questions he replied that the only prohibition in the Code concerning liquor is against those who operate or tend bar in a liquor saloon. The provision in the Code defines "liquor saloon" as "a place where the main business conducted is the sale of intoxicating liquors to be consumed or drunk on the premises where sold."

Bro. Alfred C. Clark, the Grand Orator, delivered an address on the Constitution of the United States.

The finances appear to be in sound position. The assets are valued at \$1,033,000.00. The revenue from dues was \$622.00 less than last year. 1,054 members were relieved from payment of dues. The maintenance of the Home cost \$48,108.00.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Otto C. Hagmaier, Past Grand Master. In a foreword Bro. Hagmaier refers to the loss in membership, stating that in forty-four Jurisdictions in the United States the loss in 1936 was 81,627; that Ohio was the only Jurisdiction to show a gain and that the losses varied from .21% in the District of Columbia to 9.5% in Texas. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very fully reviewed with reference to the remarks of the Grand Master on the principles of Masonry, to the Benevolent Fund and to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

PENNSYLVANIA (1936)

Grand Master Harold N. Rust. Lodges 567. Members 188,760. Loss 5,972. Quarterly Communications were held on March 4th, June 3rd, September 2nd and December 2nd, 1936, and the Annual Communication was held on December 28th, 1936.

A Special Communication was held in Philadelphia on September 22nd, 1936, for the purpose of celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge. Among the distinguished visitors were the Grand Masters of Virginia, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, District of Columbia and West Virginia. The Grand Master, in welcoming the visitors and Brethren from many of the constituent Lodges explained why the Grand Lodge was now celebrating its 150th Anniversary when it celebrated its 200th Anniversary in 1931. He stated that the anniversary of the first Freemasonry in Pennsylvania was celebrated five years ago; that after the Revolutionary War the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, working under the authority of the Grand Lodge of England, separated from the Mother Grand Lodge and established an independent Grand Lodge, and that it was the 150th Anniversary of the Independent Grand Lodge which was now being celebrated. He also said that only an interchange of letters was necessary in separating from the Grand Lodge of England 150 years ago.

A very interesting history of the Grand Lodge was given by Bro. Henry S. Borneman, one of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Report of the Committee on the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown contains much interesting information and furnishes an indication of the splendid work being carried on in this Jurisdiction. On December 31st, 1935, there were 580 residents in the Home. There is an Endowment Fund of \$1,290,000.00. The maintenance for the year amounted to \$314,000.00.

At the Annual Grand Communication three Past Grand Masters were present and 130 Lodges were represented. In his address the Grand Master spoke of the importance of the Committee of Inquiry and the need for searching investigation in regard to each petitioner. He also referred to the importance of care in the admission of visitors and stated that a Brother vouching for a visitor should clearly establish his identity. The Grand Master also spoke of unemployment and counselled the Brethren to do all they could to assist members in obtaining work.

PENNSYLVANIA (1937)

Grand Master Harold N. Rust. Lodges 567. Members 184,423. Loss 4,337. At the Quarterly Convocation on March 3rd, 1937, there was a full attendance of Grand Lodge Officers and 233 Lodges were represented. The Grand Master was unable to attend on account of illness and sent a telegram regretting his inability to be present.

The Committee on Finance approved of a loan of \$10,000.00 to four Lodges in Johnstown to enable them to repair their buildings and Lodge rooms which had been damaged by the flood. The loan was conditional on the Lodges increasing the dues of each Lodge by \$1.00 per annum and keeping such increase in a separate fund and paying the same to Grand Lodge annually.

The Grand Secretary reported that all Lodges had made their General Returns for 1936 except Lodge No. 753. The Grand Master declared that Lodge No. 753, having failed to send a general return for 1936 on or before March 1st, 1937, was ipso facto suspended in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

An invitation was read from the Grand Lodge of Maryland to attend its 150th Anniversary at Baltimore in May, 1937, and was accepted.

The Grand Master asked each Lodge to contribute the sum of \$50.00 towards the completion of the George Washington National Masonic Memorial. Practically all the Lodges responded and the Grand Master had the privilege at the meeting of the Memorial Association in February, 1937, of presenting a cheque for \$25,000.00 from the Lodges in Pennsylvania. The total amount paid at that meeting by all Grand Lodges was \$70,000.00.

At the Quarterly Communication on June 2nd, 1937, 168 Lodges were represented. There was a full attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, with the Grand Master presiding. It was resolved that the Committee on Masonic Homes be authorized to install elevators in the Homes at a cost of \$22,890.00.

The Grand Master reported that Lodge No. 753, suspended at the last Quarterly Communication for failure to make returns, had since sent in the General Return for 1936 and that the suspension was accordingly removed.

At the Quarterly Communication on September 1st, 1937, 208 Lodges were represented. The Grand Masters of New York, New Jersey and Delaware were distinguished visitors.

M.W. Bro. Louis A. Watres, Grand Master in 1916 and 1917, passed away on June 8th, 1937. M.W. Bro. Samuel M. Goodyear addressed Grand Lodge and paid a lengthy tribute to the life and work of the deceased Brother both as a Mason and as a citizen. The deceased took a very active part in the erection of the George Washington Memorial. He was elected President of the Association in 1918 and served in that position till his death.

On the evening of September 1st the Grand Lodge celebrated the 150th Anniversary of the formation and signing of the Constitution of the United States, in 1787. It is interesting to note that there were 55 delegates in the convention from the thirteen original states, that 39 delegates signed the Constitution and 20 of them were Masons.

At the Quarterly Communication on December 1st, 1937, 459 Lodges were represented. On November 20th, 1937, Bro. John Perry, the Grand Secretary, passed away. He had been Grand Secretary for twenty-six years, having served in that office longer than any of his predecessors. After pronouncing a eulogy on the work of the deceased Grand Secretary, the Grand Master requested the Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Bro. William H. Brehm, to prepare a memorial to be delivered at the Quarterly Communication on March 1st, 1938.

There is an endowment fund for the Masonic Homes of \$1,385,000.00. The maintenance of the Homes cost \$328,558.00. This Grand Lodge has huge assets in its buildings, Masonic Homes and trust funds approximating \$17,000,000.00. There are 578 residents in the Homes.

The Committee on Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the National Grand Lodge of Denmark.

This Grand Lodge has an employment Bureau with branches in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh and the annual report stated that 604 persons had been placed in employment in the year.

The Annual Grand Communication was held at Philadelphia on September 27th, 1937. 155 Lodges were represented. R.W. Bro. Robert R. Lewis was installed as Grand Master for 1938 and Grand Master Harold N. Rust delivered an address in which he stated his term of office was at an end and that the time had arrived for him to surrender the duties of his office to his successor. He said that the work had been most agreeable and that he owed much to other Grand Lodge Officers for assistance they had given him.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS

15th Annual Communication at Manila, January 26th, 27th and 28th, 1937. Grand Master Conrado Benitez. Lodges 102. Members 5,224. Loss 92. Ten Past Grand Masters were present and 79 constituent Lodges were represented. A reception was accorded the Past Grand Masters. They were escorted into the Hall, presented to the Grand Master and accorded the Grand Honours. The roll of Grand Representatives was called. In welcoming them the Grand Master asked them to convey to their respective Jurisdictions the fact that the branch in the Philippines embraced among its members many different nationalities and diverse races.

A Special Communication was held at Manila on November 29th, 1936, for the purpose of conducting the funeral of M.W. Bro. Samuel R. Hawthorne, a Past Grand Master. The proceedings contain the tribute paid to the deceased Brother by the Grand Master on the occasion of the funeral.

The Grand Master pointed out in his address that the Masons of the Philippines were carrying out the great objectives of the Craft by the distribution of relief to the needy and by helping the unemployed. As to a Masons' Home for the Aged he stated that there was no need of a home "for the peculiar unity of the family in this country makes possible the care of the aged without resorting to public or institutional charity."

In reference to the severance of relations with the Grand Lodge of the Philippines by the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, Ireland and Massachusetts on account of the establishing of Lodges in China the Grand Master stated that "although we are on the eve of re-establishing fraternal relations with the Grand Lodges with which we have some misunderstanding on account of the China situation the necessary Masonic action has not yet been taken by the Grand Lodges concerned, hence we must wait with patience until such action is taken."

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence reported a protest received from the Grand Orient of Rio Grande do Sul against the action of the Grand Lodge in withdrawing recognition from it. As recognition had been granted to another Grand Lodge as the sovereign body in that state no further action was taken. The Committee also referred to correspondence received from various Jurisdictions with resolutions regarding political events in Europe and world peace but stated that as it was the established policy to keep aloof from anything savouring of politics no action was taken on the subjects referred to.

The Review of Correspondence is by W. Bro. Leo Fischer. 63 Jurisdictions are reviewed. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 received kindly and detailed attention. Bro. Fischer refers to the area of Saskatchewan and to the establishment of the Grand Lodge and makes extended reference to the reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters and to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry. The Grand Lodge of the Philippines publishes a paper known as "The Cabletow" in which the reviews of the various Jurisdictions are printed from time to time.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

62nd Annual Communication at Crapaud, June 23rd, 1937. Grand Master Howard E. Ward. Lodges 15. Members 1,082. Loss 28. Nine Past Grand Masters were present and 35 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Representatives were called to the Altar, were received with Grand Honours and welcomed by the Grand Master, who requested them to extend fraternal greetings to their respective Jurisdictions. M.W. Bro. L. M. McKinnon, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, was a distinguished visitor.

The Grand Master visited the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia at its 72nd Annual Communication on the 9th day of June, 1937. He visited all the constituent Lodges during his year of office. He reported an increased interest in the affairs of the Lodges, an

increase in attendance and a decrease in the number suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Grand Master dealt at length with the subject of arrears of dues, stating that some Lodges allowed too large an arrearage to accumulate before making a thorough inquiry to determine whether the cause is indifference, carelessness or due to circumstances in which the Lodge should exercise the Masonic Virtue of Charity.

There is a Benevolent Fund of \$17,066.00 and an Orphans' Fund of \$2,560.00. All requests for relief were promptly met throughout the year.

In a brief review of correspondence Bro. Robert A. Gordon referred to the outstanding event of the year as the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and the installation of the Duke of York as Grand Master, who later on his accession to the throne resigned as Grand Master, stating that he had ceased to actively participate in Freemasonry. There is also a reference to the fact that the Duke of Connaught is still the Grand Master of England. M.W. Bro. T. G. Ives was installed as Grand Master for 1937-38.

QUEBEC

67th Annual Communication at Montreal, February 10th, 1937. Grand Master J. D. McFayden. Lodges 93. Members 14,111. Loss 345. Six Past Grand Masters were present and 86 Lodges were represented. This Jurisdiction mourned the passing of two Past Grand Masters during the year, M.W. Bro. Frederick Massey, who had reached the age of almost 90 years and who was Grand Master in 1895 and 1896, and M.W. Bro. W. J. Ewing, Grand Master in 1925 and 1926. The Grand Master, accompanied by M.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, attended the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and reported the activities to Grand Lodge. He spoke of the gathering as "a league of nations", representatives being there from all over the world, some coming a distance of 12,000 miles, and many of them being men of distinction in their own lands. He made a lengthy reference to the address of the Grand Master Mason, His Royal Highness the Duke of York, and stated that the Grand Lodge of Scotland has 890 Lodges at home and overseas with a membership of over 250,000. He also referred to the Annuity and Benevolent Fund of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, stating that it amounted to \$2,500,000.00.

The Grand Master counselled the Brethren not to permit the depression period to create the tendency to laxity regarding the worthiness of candidates, stating that the Order was not enriched by undesirables.

The Grand Master was in England in December, 1936, at the time of the abdication of King Edward VIII and said it was a rare privilege to be there. He referred to the manner in which the whole of Britain regarded it the challenge of a worthy ideal, stating that it "speaks volumes for the common sense of the British people."

The Grand Secretary in his report stated that an encouraging feature was the yearly increasing number of initiations, 1936 showing a gain of 19% over the previous year. The total loss in members for the last six years is 1,999, an average of 333 per year or 2.1%.

Arrangements have been completed for an adjustment of the mortgage on the Masonic Memorial Temple in Montreal. The mort-

gage company has agreed to reduce interest to 4% and postpone payment of principal until 1941. In consideration of these concessions the Finance Committee of Grand Lodge agreed to guarantee the interest for a five-year period.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. E. A. Evans, Past Grand Master. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very kindly dealt with and there are references to the address of the Grand Master, the Report of the Finance Committee, the Benevolent Fund and the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

QUEENSLAND

Grand Master His Excellency Sir Leslie Orme Wilson. There are 357 Lodges but the membership is not stated in the proceedings. A Special Communication was held on July 9th, 1936, for the purpose of proclaiming the Grand Master, Sir Leslie Orme Wilson, the Governor of the State and who had been re-elected to the office. The Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Green, expressed the thanks of Grand Lodge to the Grand Master for having again accepted the position, stating that despite his many duties as Governor he devoted a great deal of time to the work connected with the office of Grand Master. In thanking the Brethren for the honour conferred upon him the Grand Master referred to the past year as one of definite progress and stated that reports from many Lodges indicated considerable activity for the immediate future. He endeavoured to visit as many Lodges as possible during the year and was able to personally visit 49 Lodges. The Pro Grand Master or the Deputy Grand Master visited 163 Lodges and the Grand Master expressed his appreciation of the splendid assistance given by these officers. At the Quarterly Communication held on September 2nd, 1936, the Pro Grand Master, M.W. Bro. W. H. Green, moved a resolution of appreciation of the fact that the Grand Master had been asked by His Majesty the King to accept a further term as Governor of the State.

A Special Communication was held on May 12th, 1937, for the purpose of nominating Grand Lodge Officers and at the Quarterly Communication on June 2nd, 1937, it was announced that M.W. Bro. Sir Leslie Orme Wilson had been unanimously again elected Grand Master.

There is a balance in the Benevolent Fund of £8,411 and the grants from the fund for the year ending July 31st, 1936, amounted to £2,748.

At the Quarterly Communication in June, 1934, the Grand Master asked that the Board of General Purposes appoint a Committee to review the Constitution and to submit their recommendations to Grand Lodge for approval; at the Communication on September 3rd, 1934, the Board reported that a Committee had been appointed pursuant to this request. At the Quarterly Communication in March, 1937, the Committee submitted its report with suggestions for amendments and it was resolved that copies of the report be forwarded to all the Lodges and that a Special Communication be called at a date not less than three months hence for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving the recommendations or any amendment thereof.

RHODE ISLAND

146th Annual Communication at Providence, May 17th, 1937. Grand Master Albert Knight. Lodges 43. Members 16,662. Loss 381. A Semi-annual Communication was held at Providence on November 6th, 1936. All Grand Lodge Officers except the Grand Master were present. The Grand Master was absent representing the Grand Lodge at the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The address of the Grand Master was read by the Deputy Grand Master. Extended reference was made to lotteries and games of chance and a letter sent by the Grand Master of New York to all the Lodges in that State was read. In this letter it was stated that "no Grand Lodge and no Grand Master has ever tacitly or otherwise approved of any such schemes. They did violence to all that for which Freemasonry stands." The letter of the Grand Master of New York, M.W. Bro. Jacob C. Klinck, is a splendid statement of the attitude of Grand Masters generally towards the raising of money by means of lotteries and sets out clearly the necessity of Masons obeying the moral law and the law of the land. At the Annual Communication on May 17th, 1937, 17 Past Grand Masters were present. The Grand Master in his address gave an account of the travels of the Sacred Book of the Law which was presented to Grand Lodge on the Tercentenary Celebration of the landing of the Pilgrim Fathers in 1636. At the time of the Communication the volume had visited 22 Jurisdictions in the United States and it is hoped to continue its mission of good will until it has rested on the Altar of every Grand Lodge in the United States and other countries. The volume was used at the Communication but was to be in Maryland on the following day and in Indiana on May 25th. A reference to the proceedings of both these Jurisdictions shows that it was present on both occasions.

This Grand Lodge will celebrate its 150th Anniversary in 1941 and a Committee has already been appointed for the purpose of making proper arrangements for the occasion.

The Grand Master attended the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in November, 1936, where there were represented 55 Masonic Jurisdictions throughout the world. The Grand Master gave a very full report of his experiences. On board ship there were several representatives en route to the ceremony in Scotland and a luncheon was arranged for them along with several other passengers who were Masons. In London a visit was paid to the Masonic Peace Memorial and an opportunity was given to visit the various Lodges within the walls of that imposing structure. Prior to visiting Scotland the Grand Master visited the Grand Lodge of Sweden and also of Norway, where he was entertained by the oldest Lodge in that country. In reporting to Grand Lodge the Grand Master gave a most interesting account of the Grand Lodge of Scotland where men were assembled from every quarter of the globe, some coming a distance of 12,000 miles, drawn there by a desire to spread the doctrine of Peace and Goodwill.

The Grand Master recommended that the Sunday nearest June 24th in each year be set aside as "Go-to-Church Sunday" and thus avoid the necessity of issuing special dispensations to the many Lodges desiring to attend Divine Service in a body.

The General Fund showed a slight decrease for the year. The Masonic Home Fund was substantially increased. According to the report of the Grand Secretary there are 9,059 members delinquent

in payment of dues, the total amount outstanding being \$99,000.00.
M.W. Bro. Chester M. Aldrich is Grand Master for 1937-38.

SCOTLAND

The Grand Master Mason, H.R.H. the Duke of York, was installed on November 30th, 1936, but resigned following his accession to the Throne as King George VI.

A Quarterly Communication was held on February 4th, 1937, with Sir Ian Colquhoun, Bart., Immediate Past Grand Master, on the Throne. He stated that he had been asked by the Grand Master Mason to express to Grand Lodge his thanks for the welcome given him on the occasion of his visit at the Bicentenary Celebration in November, 1936. He also thanked the Brethren for the loyal manner in which they had supported him during the year.

An announcement was made of the resignation of H.R.H. the Duke of York on his accession to the Throne. The Immediate Past Grand Master stated that he could not but regret His Majesty's resignation and that they would always be grateful to him for the manner in which he had carried out his duties at the Bicentenary Celebration and for the honour he had conferred upon Scottish Freemasonry by his installation as Grand Master Mason.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Grand Master, the Honourable Mr. Justice Napier. Lodges 154. Members 13,430. Loss 188. The membership in this Grand Lodge has remained remarkably steady, for while there has been a loss in each year for the last few years it has been small. The peak of membership was reached in 1930 when it was 15,041.

A Special Communication was held at Adelaide on September 7th, 1936, for the purpose of extending an official welcome to His Excellency Lord Gowrie, the Governor General and the Grand Master of New South Wales. In returning thanks for the welcome given to him Lord Gowrie said that he deeply appreciated the kind thought which had prompted the Masons of South Australia to so honour him. The gathering gave him an opportunity of meeting many old friends with whom it had been his pleasure to associate for so many years.

The half-yearly Communication was held on October 1st, 1936. The Board of General Purposes, in reporting a small decrease in membership, commented on the fact that the number of initiations was greater than for the past four years and stated that there was a marked improvement in conditions. The Board reported an invitation from the Grand Lodge of Scotland to attend the Bicentenary Celebration in Edinburgh on November 28th, 1936, and stated that it was not intended to send a delegation but had advised the Grand Lodge of Scotland that in the event of a member of the Grand Lodge of South Australia being in the Old Country at the time they would be glad to make arrangements so that they might be represented on the occasion.

V.W. Bro. E. S. Kiek, the Grand Lecturer, delivered a very interesting and instructive address on the Ancient Landmarks, taking as his text, "Remove not the Ancient Landmarks which thy fathers have set up." He pointed out some of the more important landmarks and stated that the preservation of the landmarks assured

continuity and the maintenance of the organic character of Masonry.

The Annual Communication was held on April 21st, 1937, at Adelaide. The Board of General Purposes in reporting the death, on October 27th, 1936, of R.W. Bro. Charles R. J. Glover, the Grand Secretary, paid a tribute to the work accomplished by him during the 27 years he served the Grand Lodge in the capacity of Grand Secretary. His life was characterized by devotion to duty and his influence extended throughout Australia.

The Honourable Mr. Justice Napier was again chosen Grand Master. The Review of Correspondence is by the representatives of the various Jurisdictions. There is, however, no review of the Saskatchewan Proceedings.

SOUTH CAROLINA

200th Annual Communication at Charleston, April 6th and 7th, 1937. Grand Master Joseph E. Hart. Lodges 269. Members 17,189. Gain, 133. A Special Communication was held on June 16th, 1936, for the purpose of considering a report of the Hall Committee. A lease of the ground floor was approved in preference to an offer to purchase. Special Communications were held at Clemson, Winsboro and Charleston for the purpose of laying the cornerstones of public buildings, and at Camden to dedicate the new hall of Kershaw Lodge No. 29.

Masonry was first introduced into South Carolina in 1735, but the first meeting of Grand Lodge was held on December 27th, 1737, in Charles Town. The first Provincial Grand Master was John Hamerton, who received a dispensation from the Earl of Loudoun, the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England. In commemoration of the 200th Anniversary a service was held and a sermon was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, R.W. Bro. John H. Graves. A Special Communication of the Grand Lodge was held, followed by a banquet and various forms of entertainment. Six Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication and 57 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by M.W. Bro. J. E. Hart, who was the presiding Grand Master.

The Grand Master stated that a great change had come over the Jurisdiction since the last Communication, that then there was an apparent lack of faith but that now there was a complete change of attitude and that "we have faith in ourselves and in our Brethren" and "we have learned that the Great Architect of the Universe presides over this world of ours and we have learned to go to Him for the wisdom and strength necessary to solve the problems that once we thought could not be solved."

The condition of the Craft appears very satisfactory. More candidates were initiated, fewer members were demitted, losses from non-payment of dues decreased 50% as compared with last year and a small increase in membership was reported.

The Grand Master officially represented the Grand Lodge at the Bicentenary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland and reported an inspiring and beautiful ceremony on the occasion.

The Grand Master made lengthy reference to the trial of Masonic offences and spoke of the discord which such trials often cause. He advised that the incoming Grand Master appoint a Committee of three to study the question, and report, at the next Annual Communication, a plan which in their opinion would best suit the needs of the Jurisdiction.

The General Account showed a deficit in the operations of the year. There is a Relief Fund of \$163,394.00 and relief payments amounted to \$27,933.00.

The proceedings contain a history of Masonry in South Carolina by Bro. Henry Collins. An account of early Masonry is given and the formation of Grand Lodge referred to. The account is most interesting and deals with the problems which were faced by the Masons of the early days. Reference is made to the suggestion to build a Masonic Home which was made many years ago and the decision reached to establish a permanent Relief Fund. The writer expresses the opinion that dependents receive considerably more active assistance in this manner than could possibly be administered under any other plan.

The Rhode Island Bible was present at one of the Sessions.

This Grand Lodge mourned the passing of William A. Giles, Grand Master during 1928-29. Prior to that time he had been Deputy Grand Master in 1918 but in that year removed to Alabama. He returned to South Carolina in 1921 and was again elected Grand Junior Warden in 1922 and finally in 1928 Grand Master. This was an unusual experience as few if any Masons pass through the chairs of Grand Lodge twice. The Grand Master paid an extended tribute to the services rendered by this distinguished Brother.

The Review of Correspondence is by Bro. Henry Collins. 51 Jurisdictions are reviewed. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very fully dealt with. There are references to the address of the Grand Master and to the emphasis which he placed on the teaching of liberty. Attention is also given to the report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry and its remarks on Lodge attendance, to the work of the Benevolent Fund Trustees and to the activities of the Committee on Masonic Education and Research.

SOUTH DAKOTA

63rd Annual Communication at Aberdeen, June 8th and 9th, 1937. Grand Master S. G. Mortimer. Lodges 175. Members 15,495. Loss 538. Two Masonic Temples were dedicated during the year and the cornerstone of a high school building was laid. One Lodge surrendered its Charter during the year.

16 Past Grand Masters were present and were welcomed by the Grand Master. The representatives of the Grand Jurisdictions were also received and welcomed.

The Grand Master referred to conditions existing throughout the Jurisdiction as not being conducive to increased membership and stated that it has rather been a matter of trying to retain the present membership. He said, however, that conditions showed an improvement and that the membership is showing more interest, that there are brighter prospects in the State and that with continued effort the Craft would soon be in a splendid condition. An improvement has taken place in the finances of many of the Lodges.

Reference was made to gambling in all its forms for the purpose of raising money and the Grand Master stated that the practice was not Masonic and that no member should assist in any particular in conducting any contest of this character.

The Grand Master contacted all the Lodges of the State by a series of meetings in each district arranged by the District Deputies for the purpose of meeting the officers of the various Lodges. He

was unable to accept invitations outside the State and attended only the Conference of Grand Masters at Washington where he received much benefit and information from meeting the Grand Masters from everywhere in the United States.

The finances appear to be in a sound position, there being a substantial increase in the balance in the General Fund. There is a Benevolent Fund of \$231,000.00.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Rio de Janeiro.

M.W. Bro. Herman F. Chapman was chosen Grand Master for 1937-38.

TENNESSEE

124th Annual Communication at Nashville, January 26th and 27th, 1938. Grand Master N. M. Rutland. Lodges 413. Members 36,717. Loss 306. 15 Past Grand Masters were present and 400 constituent Lodges were represented, there being only 13 without representation. Among the distinguished visitors was M.W. Bro. James S. McEwing, Past Grand Master of Manitoba, and Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee near that Grand Lodge.

The Grand Master visited practically every section of the State and reported a revival of interest in Masonry throughout the Jurisdiction and is more convinced than ever that in this time of unrest men need the steadying influence and calm philosophy of Masonry.

The Grand Master spoke at length of the Masonic Home and stated that in many instances it is best to maintain children in their own homes or in selected homes and thus maintain the family intact. He also said that the cost of maintaining children in their own homes or taking care of them in boarding houses is far less than that of maintaining them in institutions. He gave some very interesting figures showing the amount of money spent by the Grand Lodge for the benefit of aged Masons, widows, boys and girls over a period of 46 years. He estimated the sum at \$3,000,000.00. The cost of maintenance of the Masonic Home was approximately \$62,000.00. There were 442 residents.

In examining the rolls of many of the subordinate Lodges the Grand Master found members in arrears for three or four and even five or six years. He considers this an unhealthy condition and advises Lodges to make an effort to collect arrears and in proper cases remit them. He also expressed the opinion that the dues charged by many of the Lodges were too small.

The General Fund is in a sound position, there being a substantial surplus for the year.

The Grand Secretary reported one Charter surrendered and one suspended. There were consolidations in the case of 12 Lodges. The loss in membership was 306 as compared with 654 in 1936. There were 718 more degrees conferred than in 1936.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. J. T. Peeler. 60 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1937. The review is brief but presents a good picture of the work in this Jurisdiction. There is an extended reference to the Report of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry.

TEXAS

102nd Annual Communication at Waco, December 1st and 2nd, 1937. Grand Master Galway Calhoun. Lodges 897. Members 94,898. Loss 265. 18 Past Grand Masters were present and 45 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The Grand Representatives were assembled at the Altar, welcomed by the Grand Master, and asked to convey the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Texas to their respective Jurisdictions. A response was made by M.W. Bro. W. M. Fly, the Senior Past Grand Master.

The Grand Master referred to the 100th Anniversary of the formation of the Grand Lodge, and briefly gave the early history of its formation by three Lodges in Texas which had been chartered by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The assembly at which the Grand Lodge was founded was presided over by General Sam Houston, the hero of San Jacinta and the first President of the Republic of Texas. Others distinguished in the early history were also present and the Grand Lodge was launched which in subsequent years has left a history of splendid achievement.

At the last Communication a resolution was passed that the Grand Master advise the Shrine Temple that the raising of money by lotteries and other gambling devices is contrary to the law and would not be tolerated. Pursuant to the resolution the Grand Master so advised the Shrine Temples and he reported that he had received prompt responses from them all stating that no practice would be engaged in contrary to the spirit of the resolution.

The Grand Master spoke of the Masonic Home, stating that while it had cost a large sum of money it is performing a service the value of which cannot be estimated in dollars and cents. Altogether 1,300 children have been cared for in the Home, have been given an education and vocational training fitting them for useful callings; they have had a home where they are being taught the real values of life, good character and good citizenship.

The finances are in splendid condition, each fund showed a substantial increase for the year, and in all \$255,000.00 was paid into the various accounts. No dues are owing by any of the Lodges except for the year 1937 and the amount outstanding is very small.

Among the distinguished visitors present to celebrate the Centennial of Grand Lodge were the Grand Masters of Louisiana, Tennessee, Wisconsin, Vermont and the District of Columbia. M.W. Bro. Melvin M. Johnson, Past Grand Master of Massachusetts, delivered a most instructive address on world wide conditions in Freemasonry in which he covered the whole Masonic world and sketched conditions of Masonry everywhere.

In reporting the small loss in membership the Grand Secretary stated that he was disappointed when he closed the statistics because he expected to be able to report a gain for the year.

R.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, was a visitor and addressed the Brethren, extending the greetings of the Grand Lodge of Quebec on the occasion of the Centennial and giving some interesting information in regard to Masonry both in Ontario and Quebec.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the following Grand Lodges in Mexico: Chiapas, Occidental, Bento Juarez, Tamaulysas, Unida Mexicana and the Valley of Mexico. This follows the action of a year ago in severing relations with the York Grand Lodge of Mexico.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. W. M. Fly. In a foreword Bro. Fly refers to the "102nd Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge" and states that the date of its founding was December 20th, 1837, and that the discrepancy indicated by the number of the Annual Communications is the result of the changes during the years for the annual gathering. 65 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them the Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1937, which are very kindly dealt with.

UTAH

66th Annual Communication at Salt Lake City, January 19th and 20th, 1937. Grand Master C. H. Fischer. Lodges 27. Members 4,552. Loss, 30. Fourteen Past Grand Masters were present and distinguished visitors were present from Grand Lodges of Wyoming, Colorado and Idaho. Also present was Bro. Carl H. Claudy, Secretary of the Masonic Service Association. 21 Grand Jurisdictions were represented. The representative for Saskatchewan, however, was not present.

The Grand Master called attention to the growing practice of life membership and the exempting of members from paying dues when they have reached a certain age or have paid dues for a specified number of years. He thinks every member should pay dues and that the practices referred to are depriving Lodges of revenue and placing a burden upon them in paying Grand Lodge dues.

The Grand Master referred to European Masonry, pointing out that in several countries it has been wiped out. He referred to the Scandinavian countries where Masonry appears to have flourished and stated that Scandinavian Grand Lodges were being recognized more and more by Grand Lodges throughout the world.

The loss in membership was very small, only 30, as compared with 84 the preceding year. For four years in succession the loss has been small and has decreased each year. 370 degrees were conferred, 101 more than in 1935. The Grand Secretary, in presenting his statistical report, expressed the opinion that the Masonic sky is brightening.

The Grand Orator, Bro. Harold Cline, delivered an address on the subject, "The Fight for Masonic Security," in which he referred to the suppression of Masonry in some of the European countries. He pointed out that wherever there is a dictatorial form of government Masonry is suppressed but wherever there is a liberal form of government Masonry flourishes; and that Masonry is strongest in America and England. He emphasized the fact that Masonic bodies should have no part in political quarrels and in social and political controversies but that this does not mean that members of the Fraternity must sit supinely by. Freemasons, as men, may take such action as their intelligence dictates in counteracting the influences surrounding us on all sides.

An Occasional Communication of Grand Lodge was held at Salt Lake City on March 25th, 1936, for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. P. L. Williams, Past Grand Master. Occasional Communications were also held for the purpose of conducting the funeral services of M.W. Bro. George H. Dern and M.W. Bro. Leroy A. McGee, Past Grand Masters. Three times in one year this Jurisdiction mourned the passing of Past Grand Masters.

The proceedings contained memorials to these distinguished Brethren.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. S. H. Goodwin. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very kindly and fully referred to. There are complimentary references to the address of the Grand Master, to the Benevolent Fund and to the Report of the Committee on Masonic Education.

VERMONT

144th Annual Communication at Burlington, June 9th and 10th, 1937. Grand Master W. J. Ballou. Lodges 103. Members 17,071. Loss 512. Two Special Communications were held during the year for the purpose of dedicating new Masonic Halls. Among the distinguished guests at the Annual Communication were M.W. Bro. J. D. McFayden and M.W. Bro. W. W. Williamson, Grand Master and Grand Secretary respectively of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and the Grand Masters of New Jersey, Connecticut, New Hampshire and New York. 88 constituent Lodges were represented and 38 Grand Jurisdictions, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. Julius C. Thomas.

In his address the Grand Master referred to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Vermont was formed in the Town of Rutland, on October 14th, 1794, by representatives of five Lodges and that they were now meeting for the 144th annual session with 169 Lodges.

The Grand Master presented to Grand Lodge three aged Masons, all from the same Lodge, and who have been officers of the Lodge at the same time. The three of them had been Masons for 70 years, 62 years and 52 years respectively, and they were heartily applauded by the assembled Brethren.

In the report of the Committee on Necrology special reference was made to the death of Bro. Henry Thomas Mayo, who while not attaining great distinction as a Mason, served in other ways. He was born in Burlington in 1856, entered the United States Naval Academy at the age of 15 and graduated in 1876. He finally became Admiral and from 1916 served during the entire period of the World War as Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet. He served his country for 53 years. Burlington Lodge No. 100 had charge of the services at the grave with the Grand Master officiating.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Archie S. Harriman. 67 Jurisdictions are reviewed. In a foreword Bro. Harriman states that this is his fifteenth review and he refers to the many changes which have taken place in the ranks of the reviewers during that time. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 receive very kindly reference. Comment is made on the fact that 68 of the Lodges were not represented at the Annual Communication. The explanation, however, is that due to difficult times through which large areas of our Province have been passing, many Lodges find it impossible to incur the expenditure necessary for attendance.

VICTORIA

Grand Master Lord Huntingfield. Lodges 502. Members 49,684. Loss 116. Quarterly Communications were held on March 18th, June 17th, September 16th and December 16th, 1936. The Grand Representative of Saskatchewan is V.W. Bro. R. G. Wall, Past Grand Treasurer. At the Quarterly Communication in March the Grand

Master, Lord Huntingfield, was not present but he sent a message to Grand Lodge in which he referred to the great loss suffered by the Nation in the death of His Majesty King George V and to the inspiration of the late King's life to everyone—a life of steadfast devotion to duty. The Grand Master, who is Governor of Victoria, was unable to attend for installation on account of Court Mourning.

Four new Lodges were constituted in 1935 and five new Temples were dedicated. 601 members were suspended for non-payment of dues as compared with 702 in 1934. The loss in membership is only 116, an indication that economic difficulties have not affected Masonry in Victoria so adversely as in many other Jurisdictions. At the Quarterly Communication in December the Grand Master asked permission of Grand Lodge to cable His Majesty the King a resolution of the loyalty of the Grand Lodge of Victoria representing 50,000 Masons. The desire of the Grand Master was unanimously endorsed.

Lord Huntingfield was nominated Grand Master for the third time by M.W. Bro. W. Warren Kerr, the Pro Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. Sir William Brunton, the Deputy Grand Master. Both these Brethren stated that it was a great honour that the representative of the King should, among his duties, find time to fill an office in Grand Lodge. There were no other nominees.

The Benevolent Fund amounts to £185,000 and there is a surplus in the General Fund of £36,000. There is also a Hospital Fund of £61,000.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. William Stewart. 37 Jurisdictions are reviewed. Saskatchewan is not among them. In a foreword Bro. Stewart states that the reports of the various Grand Lodges show an improvement in the financial conditions. Several Grand Lodges are stated to be paying particular attention to the maintenance of widows and the maintenance of orphans. The report also states that there appears to be a definite improvement in social and economic conditions in the world.

VIRGINIA

159th Annual Communication at Richmond, February 9th, 10th and 11th, 1937. Grand Master L. P. Harrell. Lodges 338. Members 39,551. Loss 919. Two Emergent Communications were held during the year, one at Richmond to conduct the funeral of R.W. Bro. Robert D. Ford, the Grand Junior Warden, and the other at Roanoke for the purpose of conducting the funeral service of M.W. Bro. William L. Andrews, who was Grand Master from February, 1912, to February, 1914.

55 Grand Jurisdictions were represented at the Annual Communication, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. J. L. Brown. The Grand Representatives were presented to the Grand Master and welcomed by him. The Past Grand Masters were also presented and the Grand Master stated to them that he could never repay them for the kindly assistance rendered by them during his year of office.

The Grand Secretary called attention to the portraits of the Past Grand Masters on the walls of the Grand Lodge Room and stated that there were three not definitely identified and that no member now living was able to give their names.

Among the distinguished visitors were the Grand Master of the District of Columbia and two Past Grand Masters from North Carolina, the Grand Master of South Carolina and the Deputy Grand Master of New Jersey.

The Grand Master paid a tribute to the Masonic Home, stating that for more than forty years his predecessors had emphasized the great work carried on. He said it was the most economically managed of the 38 Homes of the Grand Lodges in the United States.

The Grand Master referred to the most outstanding Masonic event of the year as the celebration of the 200th Anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. The Grand Master was unable to attend but commissioned M.W. Bro. A. M. Showalter to represent the Grand Lodge. In referring to the occasion the Grand Master gave some interesting history to the effect that five of the eight Lodges originally constituting the Grand Lodge of Virginia were chartered by the Grand Lodge of Scotland.

The finances appear to be in sound position as the balance in the General Fund increased materially as a result of the year's operations. Arrears in Grand Lodge dues in the amount of \$38,805.00 were paid. The maintenance of the Masonic Home cost \$87,900.00. The per capita tax is \$2.50.

The Masonic Relief Foundation of Virginia operates a pavilion or sanitarium at Blue Ridge. On January 1st, 1937, there were 46 patients and 625 have been treated since the pavilion opened. The Committee on Charity expended \$7,000.00 on 46 cases in the year.

The total membership at the end of 1936 was 39,551, a loss of 919 for the year. In 1933 the membership was 43,795; accordingly the loss for four years has been 4,244, or about 10% of the total membership. The decrease in membership each year has, however, grown progressively less and the prospects for the future are bright.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. James M. Clift. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are given very kindly reference.

WASHINGTON

80th Annual Communication at Tacoma, June 15th and 16th, 1937. Grand Master Ralph E. Tieje. Lodges 267. Members 40,459. Loss 550. 19 Past Grand Masters were present and all the Lodges except 21 were represented. 44 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by Bro. John M. Roberts. Telegrams of fraternal greetings were sent to the Grand Lodges of North Dakota, Oregon and British Columbia in session at the time. 80 years ago this Grand Lodge was organized from a group of four Lodges in the southwest corner of the State. Now there are 267 Lodges extending as far north as Nome in Alaska—"the largest and most far-flung Jurisdiction in the United States." The Grand Master endeavoured to visit the Lodges in Alaska and succeeded in visiting six of them but was prevented from visiting others by the "unexpected vagaries of steamship schedules." He was, however, much pleased with his visits as he found Masonry in Alaska in a flourishing condition "in a pioneer territory on our last geographic frontier."

The capital debt incurred in the erection of the Masonic Home has been discharged. The Grand Master stated that this was cause

for congratulation but he warned the Brethren that they must face an increase in the cost of maintenance because of the need of repairs and new equipment, the growth in the number of hospital cases among the guests and the need of increase in wages and salaries. He doubted that it would be possible to decrease the levy of 75 cents for the support of the Home. There is a Charity Fund which amounts to \$35,000.00 and upon which there is little demand and this, in the opinion of the Grand Master, should be transferred to the Home Endowment Fund. There are 155 residents in the Home.

The Grand Secretary reported a steady return to normalcy as evidenced by the increased number of degrees and the reduction in the loss in members which was less than half of the loss in the preceding year.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodges of Denmark and Sweden.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Arthur W. Davis. In a foreword Bro. Davis states that the losses in membership have been checked and that Freemasonry is advancing in spirit and in the benevolence practised. According to him three questions have occupied the attention of the Grand Lodges in the United States, the liquor question, lotteries and Communism. Bro. Davis favours the attitude of W. Bro. Harold Cline, Grand Orator of the Grand Lodge of Utah, in advocating that Masons as a body oppose Communism. The writer regrets that he cannot agree that Masons as an organization should oppose Communism or even discuss the subject in a Lodge. Communism is a form of political philosophy and as we are resolved against all politics it seems to me that to pursue the course advocated is a violation of our Ancient Landmarks. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 are very kindly reviewed.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Grand Master J. S. Battye. Lodges 150. Members 9,549. Increase 320. A Quarterly Communication was held at Kalgoorlie on the 29th of August, 1936. The Grand Master recalled the fact that 25 years ago he presided as Deputy Grand Master over the Grand Lodge Communication on The Goldfields and that he had very happy recollections of the event.

Reference was made to social evenings known as "Ladies' Nights". The Grand Master stressed the point that while latitude is given in invitations to wives and lady friends to attend such socials it should be clearly understood that no male person not a Mason can be invited to be present.

As to Masonry in relation to the State the Grand Master said that we are not concerned with politics or political occurrences in any country but that during the last few years Masonry has been brought into prominence in some countries. English Freemasonry has kept itself entirely free from political propaganda and for that reason has reached a very high pinnacle of popular esteem.

A Special Communication was held on October 30th, 1936, for the purpose of considering amendments to the Constitution.

At the Quarterly Communication on November 26th, 1936, the Grand Master expressed pleasure at welcoming so many from the

country districts because he knew that they had been severely afflicted by drought conditions. He stated that notwithstanding economic difficulties there is complete harmony in the Craft which is a steady influence in the community. During the preceding quarter Grand Lodge officers made 64 official visits to constituent Lodges.

The Grand Master reported communications from the Grand Lodge of Spain and the Grand Orient of Spain asking for Masonic influence in destroying the non-intervention pact with the object of allowing other countries to assist the Spanish Government against the Rebels. Both communications asked also for financial aid. The Grand Master referred to the fact that Masonry takes no part in political affairs and stated that he would recommend no action.

Co-Masonry appears to be spreading in Australia. In referring to Co-Masonry, the Order of the Star of the East and the Order of the Eastern Star, the Grand Master stated that the last two named had made no headway in Australia but the first had and was becoming a menace. In his opinion no Freemason who has any regard for his obligations would take part in any of these organizations. In this connection he referred to the attitude of the Grand Lodge of England as expressed in 1921 and confirmed in 1933 and 1934.

A Masonic Coronation Service was held at Perth on Sunday, May 16th, 1937. The proceedings were opened with prayer by the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Master delivered an address suitable to the occasion.

The Annual Communication was held at Perth on May 27th, 1937. An increase in membership of 320 was reported. This Grand Lodge is therefore an exception to what appears to be happening practically everywhere—namely, a loss in membership. It appears that the membership has increased 25% within the last ten years. The Grand Master, however, referred to the fact that while memberships have increased, the donations to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund have decreased by 46%, and he felt that the Brethren were labouring under the impression that the resources of the fund are inexhaustible. He feared that unless further assistance was given that it would be necessary to make inroads on the capital.

The Review of Correspondence is by R.W. Bro. J. W. E. Archdeacon. There is a very interesting foreword containing information as to losses in membership which are placed at 133,000 for the last year, regularity of Lodge attendance, the peril of life membership, the gambling mania and other subjects of interest in many Jurisdictions. Among the Jurisdictions reviewed is Saskatchewan for 1936. The Review is very comprehensive, almost everything of importance in the proceedings being referred to. One comment I think worthy of attention is that Bro. Archdeacon refers to the fact that 65 dispensations were issued to attend divine service during the year and asks why? He thinks it of more importance to encourage our families to attend such services by accompanying them rather than to be present at an ostentatious form of worship. I may say that I entirely agree and I would like to add that I think the less parade by Masons the better. In this respect we should follow the practices of the Grand Lodge of England.

WEST VIRGINIA

73rd Annual Communication at Martinsburg, October 13th and 14th, 1937. Grand Master Simon P. Richmond. Lodges 165. Mem-

bers, 29,701. Loss 335. M.W. Bro. Eugene C. Frame, Past Grand Master, passed away on December 25th, 1936, at his home in Oakland, in the State of Maryland. Oakland Lodge took part in the funeral arrangements and many Brethren from West Virginia attended.

17 Past Grand Masters attended the Annual Communication and 48 Grand Jurisdictions were represented, among them Saskatchewan by M.W. Bro. T. G. Strickler. Among the distinguished visitors were the Grand Masters of the District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia. All the constituent Lodges were represented.

The Rhode Island Bible was rededicated in the interests of good will and Masonic friendship and transmitted to another Jurisdiction which had been requested to participate in the observance.

The Maintenance of the Masonic Home cost \$35,375.00, which was considerably more than the revenue for the purpose. The Board of Governors advised the establishment of an annual assessment of \$1.00 for maintenance and general upkeep, and the Committee on Finance approved of an additional amount of twenty-five cents. There are 92 residents in the Home.

The Committee on the recognition of Grand Lodges recommended that recognition be extended to the Grand Lodge of Denmark and the Grand Lodge of Czecho-Slovakia. In reporting the Committee referred to the interesting fact that the custom of entering into fraternal relations originated between the Grand Lodges of England and Sweden in 1799. During that year these Grand Lodges exchanged letters of fraternal greetings and the Grand Lodge of Sweden sent a representative to the Grand Lodge of England and he was awarded the highest honours.

All the constituent Lodges made their returns for the year. M.W. Bro. H. H. Rose is Grand Master for 1937-38.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Lewis N. Tavenner. In a foreword Bro. Tavenner refers to the losses through suspensions and states that the decreases in membership are not generally regarded as a loss to Masonry. The maintenance of Masonic Homes by 38 Grand Lodges in the United States is proven worth while and their merits are admitted. Outside maintenance, however, is gaining in favour in connection with Masonic Homes and is provided by some Grand Lodges where there is no Masonic Home. Bro. Tavenner is critical of the orations delivered in some Grand Lodges as bordering upon "the political" and he thinks that the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of West Virginia of conducting the business with despatch is the one more in the best interests of the Fraternity. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1937 are given very kindly reference. There is a complimentary statement with respect to the address of the Grand Master and reference is made to the reports of the Committee on the Condition of Masonry and of the Board of Trustees of the Benevolent Fund. The writer desires to acknowledge Bro. Tavenner's comments on the reference of last year to the tendency to discuss religious and political subjects. There is of course force in his remarks but one must not forget that Masonry should not depart from its Ancient Landmarks. If the individual Mason is well informed as to the principles upon which the Order is founded he can be trusted to put these principles into practice in his daily life.

WISCONSIN

93rd Annual Communication at Madison, June 8th and 9th, 1937. Grand Master Karl Braasch. Lodges 312. Members 53,125. Loss 1,311. 14 Past Grand Masters were duly received, welcomed by the Grand Master and accorded the Grand Honours. Among the distinguished guests were the Grand Master of Illinois and the Deputy Grand Master of Michigan. Bro. Charles W. Netherwood, 94 years of age and a Master Mason for 72 years, and Bro. W. D. Hutchinson, 91 years of age, who has attended Grand Lodge for 38 consecutive years and has been a Master Mason for 48 years, were welcomed by the Grand Master. 307 constituent Lodges were represented.

The Grand Master reported that he had travelled about 12,000 miles in an effort to comply as best he could with all the invitations to visit the Lodges. The visitations were among the brightest spots in his year of office. He thanked the Brethren for the universal respect and friendly hospitality shown him.

The Grand Master suggested regular meetings of Grand Lodge Officers at which matters of importance could be discussed. Such meetings would tend to make a closer and more democratic relationship between the constituent Lodges and Grand Lodge and would train the officers as they progressed through the chairs.

While a decrease in membership was reported the Grand Master commented upon the splendid condition of the Fraternity. The financial condition of the Lodges is better than for years; its per capita tax has never been paid more promptly and petitions for membership are on the increase.

The Grand Master expressed regret that he was forced against his better judgment to deny membership to one "spiritually imbued but physically maimed." He referred to the 18th landmark of the Jurisdiction as preventing him from permitting the entrance of a maimed man and expressed the hope that it would be revised or entirely abolished.

The Grand Secretary reported that more than 90% of the Lodges had paid the 1936 per capita in full and that this is a much better showing than in previous years. Only 7% of the total amount remained unpaid for 1936. He reported conditions much improved over one year ago and that there is really no comparison with conditions two years ago.

The Grand Secretary, pursuant to instructions from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, sent to this Grand Lodge, "The Sacred Book of the Law," which is travelling over the country and which was used on the second day of the Communication. Afterwards it was sent to the Grand Lodge of Washington.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Frank Jenks. The Saskatchewan Proceedings for 1936 receive very full and very kindly reference. There is a comment on the brevity of the Saskatchewan reviews and the writer's only excuse is that lengthy reviews require an expenditure of money which at present cannot be readily made available.

WYOMING

63rd Annual Communication at Cheyenne, August 23rd and 24th, 1937. Grand Master Henry G. Watson. Lodges 48. Members 7,758. Loss 48. A Special Communication was held at Worland on May

5th, 1937, for the purpose of laying the cornerstone of a new County Court House.

17 Past Grand Masters were present at the Annual Communication; they were presented at the Altar and given the Grand Honours. 47 constituent Lodges were represented.

In referring to the loss in membership the Grand Master stated that it was not as great as in former years and he was confident that the situation would soon right itself and that the membership would soon show an increase.

A resolution was passed that a proclamation be issued to the subordinate Lodges for the observance of George Washington's Birthday and that the programme be suitable for the 150th Anniversary of the formation of the Constitution of the United States.

There were 42 reinstatements as compared with 28 last year, and 224 initiations as compared with 200. 23 Lodges showed gains, 23 losses, and two remained stationary.

The Grand Historian gave an address on early Freemasonry in Wyoming. On October 6th, 1868, the first Lodge in the territory was chartered by the Grand Lodge of Colorado and the second Lodge to be organized was in South Pass City on November 24th, 1869, chartered by the Grand Lodge of Nebraska. Prior to these dates a Masonic meeting of about 20 was held on Independence Rock on July 4th, 1862.

The total receipts for the Masonic Home Foundation exceeded \$10,000.00. The sum of \$4,290.00 was expended on relief. The amount of the Home Fund is now \$82,244.00.

In the report of the Committee on Fraternal Correspondence reference is made to gambling practices and to life membership which has become a very serious question in many Jurisdictions. In North Carolina a law was passed prohibiting the creating of life members merely for continuous membership. It is also stated that in some Jurisdictions Communists have been admitted and have created dissension. The Grand Lodge of Oregon passed a law making it a Masonic offence for any of its members to be affiliated with a Communist organization. Interesting information is given with respect to the Grand Lodge of England which has continued to grow despite decreases elsewhere. There are 4,943 subordinate Lodges under the jurisdiction of the United Grand Lodge of England, of which 1,221 are in the City of London, 2,990 in the Provinces of England and 730 overseas in various parts of the Empire.

The Grand Master called the attention of the Brethren to the Bible on the Altar and stated that it had been forwarded to Grand Lodge by the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. The Bible was sent as a reminder of the Ter-Centennary of the founding of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations by Roger Williams, the pioneer of Civic and Religious Freedom.

The Review of Correspondence is by M.W. Bro. Joseph M. Lowndes. 56 Jurisdictions are reviewed, among them Saskatchewan for 1936. There are references to the address of the Grand Master to the splendid services rendered over a long period of years by the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. W. B. Tate, and to the address delivered by M.W. Bro. Harry Woods, the Grand Master of Manitoba.

YORK GRAND LODGE OF MEXICO

77th Annual Communication at the City of Mexico, March 25th,

1937. Grand Master Maurice H. Kayser. Lodges 15. Members 731. Loss 13. Seven Past Grand Masters were present and 13 constituent Lodges were represented. 31 Grand Jurisdictions were represented.

M.W. Bro. Stephen Motta, Grand Master from 1917 to 1919, died on December 6th, 1936. The Grand Master paid tribute to the work accomplished by the deceased Past Grand Master during the years he was in office, a time described by the Grand Master as "the trying times of those days."

The Grand Master stated that a serious situation confronted some of the Lodges. In some parts of the Jurisdiction through the reduction in the operation of mining properties, Lodges are unable to hold regular meetings. The Grand Master recommended that where Lodges are unable to hold regular meetings steps should be taken to transfer memberships to the nearest Lodges.

The Grand Master referred to the fact that the Grand Lodge of Texas had severed relations with the York Grand Lodge and stated he could scarcely believe the report as no previous intimation had been given of the action contemplated.

The Grand Secretary commented upon the fact that the membership remains practically the same. At the last Annual Communication the per capita tax was raised from \$3.00 to \$3.50 and the revenue for the year was slightly higher on this account.

The Committee on Foreign Relations commented at length upon the severance of relations with the Grand Lodge of Texas. The first knowledge of the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Texas was obtained by representatives of the York Grand Lodge in attendance at the Grand Lodge of Texas at Waco in December, 1936. No objection has been taken for years to the jurisdiction of the York Grand Lodge and no correspondence has taken place with other Grand Lodges in Mexico. Jurisdiction is claimed over its Lodges throughout Mexico but it appears that harmony prevails among all the Grand Lodges and no objection has been taken by the Grand Lodges of the Mexican States. The report of this Committee is most interesting and to those interested in Masonry in Mexico I commend the information therein contained.

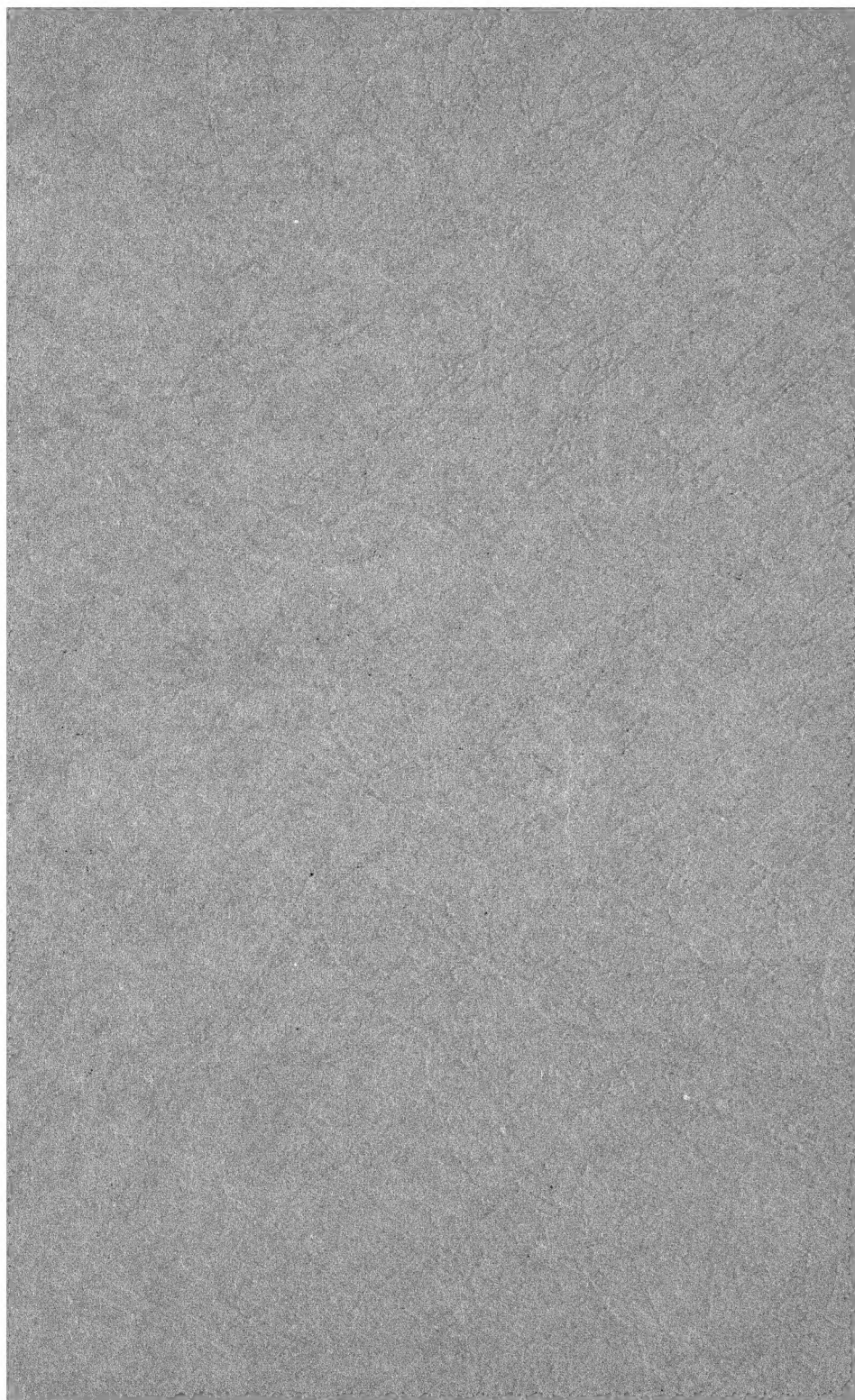
M.W. Bro. Max S. Von Son is Grand Master for 1937-38. The Saskatchewan Proceedings are not referred to in the Review of Correspondence.

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